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1820 SUNDAY, JULY 9th., 1820 Extremely hot till towards night when there was some part of a thunder shower here, which mainly spent itself at the S. & E. The drought began to be seriously felt through the country. Was not in health - absent from church where Peters preached in the former & A. Bingham in the latter part of the day. Attended to Homer - perused the 19, 20 & a part of 21st books. Mr Bliss visited me once in the course of the day. E. Montague and all his hands kept Sabbath with us.

MONDAY, 10th Not so warm as had been - but still at noon day the heat was not to be slighted - flying clouds - wd N.W.  
Henry Haying was begun. Henry in consequence of too much bathing in the river on Sunday lost his day by sickness. Cousin Sam. Robinson had business here. Mrs Gleason, Mrs Street & Lydia were here late in the day. De Bar G. Buckman & C. Grimes came home at night - the former in good spirits. S. Robinson

1820 TUESDAY, JULY 11th Very warm - faint signs of rain. Pursued haying, but not furiously. On the 10th gave in our Lists, Viz  
2 Haying Poll - 100 acres imp'd land - dwelling house - 2 oxen - 13 cows - up'd  
Lists pf 3 yrs old (a black male inclusive) - 5 steers & heifers of 2 yrs old  
1820 - 3 horses of 3 yrs old & up'd - 1 do of 2 do - My List was nothing more than I Poll.

WEDNESDAY, 12th Less hot than it had been except at mid-day - exp'd  
Thundered rain - cloudy & thundered. Hayed in the S. mead'o

THURSDAY, 13th A heavy shower took place at the N. pt of the town  
Gt Shower accompanied with great wind, but little of it was  
Melissa seen here - Continued haying. Mrs Waters, Melissa & Lydia had a short ride to Cardall's City - were caught in the shower in part.

FRIDAY, 14th Rainy and cool - with thunder. Went to mill accompanied by Rogers who had a sore and could not work - carried wool to be carded - left the steeds & wagg'n with R. & visited the hill - called at Judge Fay's & viewed his Dictionary of Arts & Sciences - Saw Rapin's Engl'd - came home & joined the forces in the commencem't of rye harvest - Dimmick being with us - had ground scythes &c.







Dimmick SATURDAY, 15th Fine pleas't weath'r for harvest'g which we pleas-  
 antly pursued in a good rye field - Dimmick cradled.  
 Rained at night

H.DeBar SUNDAY, 16th Foggy in the morning - temperate all day - shower  
 late P.M. Read some in the Bible - talked with  
 Farrand on religion - Walked out salting cattle - Erastus sick.  
 Henry went to church for first time on Sunday

Dimmick MONDAY, 17th Good fine weather - had a shower - temperate -  
 Compleated cutting rye - Dimmick cradled all day -  
 Erastus half a day - They visited the Admiral as they called it - he  
 made them work well.

1820 TUESDAY, JULY 18 Fine temperate weather - flying clouds - wind S.W.  
 3 We cut down winter wheat, 2 acres - Erastus cradled  
 Montague 1/2 a day. We raked, bound and set it up.

Merrill WEDNESDAY, 19th Cloudy - thunder'd P.M. in the eve E - no rain here  
 of much consequence . Hayed in the swampy part of  
 of Castle-the S. meadow. Merrill of Castleton a tin pedlar dined here and talked  
 ten. respecting his cousin O.C. about whose re-election to Congress he ap-  
 peared anxious.

THURSDAY, 20th Good hay weather. Pursued haying in the N'th  
 mead'o - gathered 1-1/2 tons of hay - had no assist  
 ance other than Henry DeBar

Edwin FRIDAY, 21st., Dull weather - temperate - expected rain. Haying  
 Robinson was continued besides pulling some glax.  
 Little Edwin Robinson was here.

SATURDAY, 22nd Fine hay day. Continued haying in the N. Mead. -  
 it produced well. We catted in 2 loads wint.wheat  
 - 420 shieves. We felt as if we had done well so far considering our  
 strength. Edwin was taken ill at noon and continued so till night.  
 We were visited by our old friend Wm Noble of Manchester in an odd, but  
 good, 1 h. wagg'n.

Peters SUNDAY, JULY 23rd Pretty warm and dry. Attended church in comp'y  
 with fr'd L. Norton & Father. Mr Peters preached  
 Mrs Ran- the funeral sermon of Mrs Sally Randal - wid. of P.Randal - who died  
 dals deathon the 21st inst. His main object was to show the importance of being  
 L.Norton prepared to die. At noon visited the gov's with Luman - read concern-  
 ing the Parian Marbles - bro't to Eng'd in 1624. P.M. finding that  
 Bingham Bingham was going to preach, Erastus & myself came home. Ev'g visited  
 L. Norton's - he was gone to Sunday school - returned with Mr Erwin  
 Safford who explained the presbyterian mode of worship - then cleared,  
 L.Norton after which L. & I took & read looked and read some in the history of  
 the Gods & Goddesses & ended the eve'g talking on serious affairs.

Waggon MONDAY, 24th Dry - expected, but no rain came. Drew in all the  
 trade Rogers who had on Saturday seen an old one horse waggon belonging to  
 S. & H. Parsons of Hoosack which they wanted to sell & in







July 1820 4 formed me of it. On Sunday sent for it, and it was bro't over by Henry but upon examination found it would not answer our purpose - this day Rogers took it home and be't a good looking one which they had used some, for \$60.00 - we agreed to receive the vehicle at the same price - payable in board.

Crossetts TUESDAY, 25th Parching & dry - w'd S.W. Visited Algiers in the morning - left E. Waters' waggon at Crossett's to be repaired - they cried down our new bo't waggon - said the wheels had worn out 1 set of tire - altho they were very solid & firm - the box was not made to the running part &c. Be it as it would I would not have swapped with them for the best they ever made. Mr N. Downs finished a short job of mowing by the acre - at 50" - rec'd 3 bhls corn - G. M. Buckman Blackman assisted a little at getting in hay - prepared to go with cousin Sam. to Troy on the morrow.

Farrand WEDNESDAY, 26th Powerfully warm - thund'r heads were in the S.E. rained here slightly. Finished cutting wint. wh't. got in some hay. Dimmick cradled the greatest part of the sp'g wh't - a quantity of flax was pulled. Farrand was taken off to Pownal by one of his old friends whose father was with him.

Fences THURSDAY, 27th., A slow but most welcome rain happened A.M. P.M. cloudy & warm. Choars, making, fence & pulling flax filled up the hours of this day. Jonathan bo't him a sett of acc't books. Dimmick cradled a days work.

Dim'k FRIDAY, 28th., Warm and muggy - no rain. Busy about the sp'g wheat which was very good - had it all cut down, or say all standing this m'g by Dimmick; raked, bound & a part of it got in - finished pulling flax - Dimmick assisted all day - Mentioned his brother in-law G. Wheeler's keeping a Journal as I do.

Dimmick SATURDAY, 29th Muggy & cloudy - great signs of rain, but it was all blown away from us. Pursued haying - Dimmick on the ground all day - Henry & Edwin absent during the A.M. after the sow & pigs which came back by a different route from that which they took and sometime previous to their return. Visited Algiers & town s't in the eve'g - bro't home Waters' waggon mended.

1820 July 5 SUNDAY, JULY 30th Pretty warm & muggy - likely for rain, of which very little fell - Morning read of the Deluge in Scripture - remainder of the day mostly spent writing accounts for Jonathan, and my Journ'l.

Dimmick Harry Parsons. Buckman MONDAY, 31st., Prospect bad - in the morn'g but it proved a fine day for hay. A large piece was cut W. p't S. meadow. Dimmick assisted all day & performed well - Harry Parsons here litt more than  $\frac{1}{2}$  day. G.E. Buckman spent the day with us - playing the flute &c. Nex morning he went away - and, upon his word that E. Montague owed him, besides what he had already rec'd, four dollars & forty three cents - which he (M.) requested I would borrow if we should not have it, which was actually the case - wrote by him an order on H. H. Fassett for the same, which he rec'd previous to his quitting town.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 1st. Fine shower in the night - Lowery day. About 5 acres we mowed E. side of the S. meadow - Bull muzzled for sucking cows - calf killed &c. Dimmick assisted all day. Mr







Bliss came here late in the day - gave me a newspaper to read which had a handsome little Scotch tale in it. S. Robinson paid us a visit with his goods.

WEDNESDAY, 2d., Low flying clouds in the morning. About noon a thunder shower arose in the N.W. which however scarcely sprinkled us - went round S.W. - P.M. clear & cool. Another handsome piece was cut down in the centre of the S. meadow which with the other on the E. was all raked & rolled up - to do which Jonathan and his 3 shop mates assisted about an hour at noon. We had reason this day to complain of bad mowing on good bottom - Dimmick and Mr Downs worked all day, Bliss  $\frac{1}{2}$  do, and a smart looking young man who said he had just arrived from Springf'd Mss - starting Tuesday m'g came into the mead. about 2 P.M. - worked till night - engaged till Sat'y Night. Erastus Montague arrived at night from Black hole - Cambridge, N.Y. Next morning our man we dismissed on acc't of Erast & Charles - called his name Nights. H. Parsons Hiel Parsons visited Jonathan - had considerable to say respecting cheese which he expected to receive for the waggon lately bo't of him and his brother.

August 1820 6 THURSDAY, AUGUST 3rd. Good weather - cool. Pursued haying briskly being assisted by Downs, Dimmick, Montague & Charles. Mr Downs talked upon religion a good deal, about which, he appeared quite unsettled in his mind.

FRIDAY, 4th., Wind S.W. all the m'g - great thund'r shower & wind at noon, but was soon over, succeeded by one more small one P.M. We fortunately got in the remainder of our sp'g wheat, the flax & 2 loads of hay previous to the rain. We were much plagued by our own & the neighbours hogs getting into our oats - also the geese had taken care of a fine piece. Dimmick & Erastus cradled oats. Mr Kent A.M. raked & bound the same & P.M. assisted at framing gates.

SATURDAY, 5th., Unsettled weather - another shower past noon which was succeeded by flying clouds & a cool breeze from N.W. We about compleated mowing and should have had the hay & oats all secured had the weather been dry, but the rain, which was much desired caused all that work to cease, after pulling the greater p't of the oats in stack. Dimm'k, Erastus & Charles worked no more for us after half past 1 o'clock. Visited fr'd L. Nort. this ev'g to inform him respecting his old sow getting into our oats & for other purposes. He came with me as far as the long hill beyond Blue P't - I playing on his sons fife by the way - there we met John who had been to town on horse-back - staid, talking awhile, & learned that they had lately lost a very fine young colt which was a peculiar favorite with them - we parted & each went his way. John Sibley got flung from his colt by the saddle turn'g. Between the hours of 9 & 11 we were thrice alarmed with discharge of guns, horning, blowing goose-quills, drumming on tin pans &c halloeing in a shrill tone of voice which seemed to be a short distance E. Mrs B. had lately arrived from visit in Pownal. Mr Kent, before it rained, worked in the field. P.M. at his trade. Late this night beyween the hours of 10 & 11 absconded Charles Grimes the apprentice of E. Montague, mason - aged 18 or thereabouts, middle size, freckled cheerful countenance - head full of deceit - mouth full of broad teeth, but often vomiting dreadful oaths, had usually behaved very ill to his master.







Aug 1820 and, tho' he had never given us much offense, we found from enquiry  
7 that wherever he had lived he left a bad name. He secured all his clothing with other things not belonging to him.

SUNDAY, AUG. 6th., Fine cool weath'r wind N.W. - flying clouds. Psted  
Letter to books for J.Rogers - wrote a letter to cousin Cathe  
C.Harwood erine of Attica pr cousin S.Robinson who was about to start for that  
Attica. country or to pass through Batavia on his way to Buffalo - Informed her  
that we, including her mother, were in good health - that the latter  
wanted to see her children very much but knew of no opper'y by which  
she might go home - wished her to write if she knew of any - acquainted  
her with the religious stir which was taking place here & said a few  
words in praise of A. Peters.

MONDAY, 7th., Flying clouds - not very warm. Hay mostly secured.  
E.Montague Oats all raked & bound. Erastus, with Kent & Dim-  
mick, by 9 at night got home 2 tons of hay from P. Smith's - to pay for  
keeping his horse in winter

TUESDAY, 8th., Lowery - some rainy from S.W. - exp'd consid'e rain  
at night, but were disappointed. Carted in the rem  
nant of our hay & all our oats - between 8 & 900 shieves - they grew  
thin & short, but well filled. For information respecting hay & grain  
Visit at see P. 15. This morn'g mother & Mrs Waters rode off in the Hoosick  
Jacksen wagg'n drawn by Parsons' beast, to John Brown's , Jackson, N.Y.  
Farrand Farrand arrived from another quarter of the same town where he had vis-  
ited his mother - Bro't with him Brother's Prophecies.

WEDNESDAY, 9th., Pretty good weath'r. We wished we had put off draw  
ing in oats till this day - as they were very damp  
Major indeed, most of them. This mornin'g walked with Major Osborn and friend  
Osborne Parsons to catch horses in the pasture, had a friendly conversation.  
We cut and pulled up a small patch of Peas - N. end of the oat field -  
where rye grew in 1819 - V. 5 p. 316 - peas threshed out. Thus did we  
H.DeBar finish off haying & harvest. Henry labored for Hinman till 9 at night  
for Hin- at the business of haying. Visited town at night - all reg'r there.  
man. Lydia this day 29 years of age.

THURSDAY, 10th., Fine weather. Worked in the garden - some bushes  
H.DeBar & were cut up in the S. meadow. Henry & the oxen wk'd  
oxen. fr Dr Swift drawing stone fr cell'r wall.  
Jonathan & his snobs made much noise in the shop.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 11th  
Aug 1820 Warm & cloudy if I am correct. Plowing was commenced - bushes were cut  
8 up - the mill visited by me - some work got done at  
Plowing Col Norton's - Looked over acc'ts at Swifts & Pickett's - where we had  
Acc't at be't since settled in Oct. 1819 to the am't of \$18.00 & upwards - were in  
S. & P's debt about 9 - on the present yrs acc't. Mother arrived greatly pleased  
with her visit & journey to and from Jackson, N.Y. Potter girl & Eliza  
Duncan Amanda Duncan visited here this P.M. - Mrs D. very ill. Two calfskins  
Calf- were carried to Buckley Squires' which made up the number to 5 or 6  
skins. that he rec'd to tan upon shares the present season.

SATURDAY, 12th., Extremely warm - showers were looked for, but nothing  
but a mere sprinkling was shed upon us. Plowed with  
horses A.M. - P.M. busy at other business - Henry contin'd plow'g all  
day with oxen. Father finished cutting up bushes in the S. mead'e by  
Weaving noon. At night rode out to Mr Babbett's on a weaving errand - agreed  
with Mrs B. to weave a piece of woolen cloth for a pr of morocco shoes.







Aug 1820 SUNDAY, 13th., Cool in the morning - other parts of the day warm.  
 B Muggy and cloudy - Employed chiefly in writing.  
 Visit to Jonathan & David visit Petersburg - Farrand went to Pownal. All hands  
 Peters'h went to meet'g - in the ev'g at the court house.

Swift use MONDAY, 14th Moderate, flying cl'ds - looked likely for rain.  
 of oxen Pursued ditching - went to mill. Henry with oxen  
 Ditching worked at Dr Swift's - Erastus worked there digging or walling cellar.  
 E.Montague Eve'g Swift & Parsons' here.

TUESDAY, 15th., Cloudy - P.M. rainy - cool - wd S. Chiefly employed  
 Ditching in ditching - Henry plowing. Visited the mill at  
 S B Young eve'g - S.B.Young rode with me up from Algiers - he rehearsed several  
 Oatman lines of Homer very eloquently. Friend Oatman put up here for the  
 night - played the flute.

WEDNESDAY, 16th., Seemed likely for rain all day - w'd S.W. Plowed  
 Whipstock stubble on the hill N.W. of the house. Henry &  
 Joseph attended celebration at Whipstock - a crazy day - some fighting -  
 Mr Caldwell, Mrs gen'l Robinson's nephew - got badly hurt by riding  
 under the branches of an apple tree. In Algiers Mr N. Danforth fell  
 through Colvin's house - very much bruised.

Aug 1820 THURSDAY, 17th., Rained heavily and thundrred in the morning - rained  
 9 tow'd noon again. Visited town twice this day on  
 business - went to mill, got harness mended &c - had some work done at  
 Whipst'k Col N's. E. Young & friends came to Pickett's to return bottles which  
 they had used at the celebration. In the eve'g a warm dispute was held  
 on the intended visit to Stockbridge. Let me say that father & mother m  
 S.Robin- mother made a long visit at uncle S. Robinson's on the 16. Entered a  
 son letter to G. Smedley dated the 14th - merely mentioning health - J.Roger  
 G.Smedley & his girl - inviting him to come & see us &c.

FRIDAY 18th., Cloudy, unsteady weather. Plowing with 2 teams con-  
 SATURDAY, 19th., stituted our principal business. We felt very anx-  
 Mrs Streetwas against us. P.M. - 19th - Mrs Street, Mrs Eleason and Mrs Waters  
 visited here.

SUNDAY, 20th., Cool & cloudy - dash of rain P.M. Mostly employed  
 in writing - perused the Gospel according to St Mark  
 where the account of the 5 loaves & 2 fishes is inserted. This evening  
 attended a conference at the S. school house at which most of the neigh-  
 bors were present. Our spokesmen were Messrs Peters, Safford & young  
 Crossett - the former enthusiastically addressed us on this point, that  
 if we did not believe we must be damned - all the moraility & every-  
 thing else notwithstanding. Walked home accompanied a part of the way  
 by P.Smith & J. Norton Jun'r.

MONDAY, AUGUST 21st., Very cold morn'g - cool all day - w'd N. On the  
 18th J. Rogers bro't a horse here to be kept for him  
 We carried on plowing & threshing. Damia & Docia went to Babbitt's -  
 Melissa & Sally went to Champney's in the ev'g. For Aug 22 see p. 10.







WEDNESDAY, 23rd., Pleasant & tolerably warm - w'd S.W. fine evening.  
The field W. of the rocks was sown with rye - employed 2  
Levi teams. Mr Levi Smedley of William'n came to see us - had business  
Smedley with Hathaway.

THURSDAY, 24th., Wind high, S.W. - had some rain P.M. Stopped one  
team at noon on acc't of returning Dr Swift's  
Mother horses harrow. Mr S. went home this A.M. Mother had a severe sore  
mouth.

Aug 1820 TUESDAY, AUGUST 22nd., Fine and tolerably warm - cool morning -  
10 Pursued sowing & Thrashing. Evening visited friend  
Sowing Luman with Lydia - Melissa came home with us - Mrs Street was there.  
L.Norton We had a little music and some lively talk respecting the embellish-  
Wm Camp- ment of the court yard. Wm Campbell came here to board.  
bell.

FRIDAY, 25 Warm & muggy - wind S.W., Finished sowing 10 acres  
Rye sown - 6 in the old sheep pasture - 2 on the Hinman line  
and 2 in the shape of a harrow - W. of the meadow. Galusha this morn-  
Census ing - in the service of the U.S. - took the census of the family which  
included consisted of 16 persons including all the shoemakers except  
Wm Campbell whose residence was not at this place. We had some sport  
Fishing turning the beek brook & bailing out fishes, among which was an eel  
measuring upwards of 20 inches. P.M. bushed fence.

SATURDAY, 26th., Very w'm - cloudy - wind high S.W. - great & fine  
thunder shower. With Mr Hinman and Edwin Dimmick  
Sheep rode to Cutler's in Woodford, towards the summit of the 2d ridge - here  
bro't he had collected all the flocks which he had pastured - viz - Hinman's,  
from Hathaway's, Dimmick's few & our own - some of each were missing - of  
Cutler's ours 1 had died and nine were strayed away - bro't home 44. Friend  
Parsons agreed to acc't with Mr C. for pasturing these. The grass-  
H W Far- hoppers added to the severe drought had made their pastures & meadows  
rand. look as if fire had ran through them. Farrand went to Jackson.

SUNDAYm 27 Fine cool day. Enjoyed great pleasure in hearing  
Haynes Mr Haynes from the desk - his color ought never to  
the be thought of. He painted the loveliness of faith & Christianity  
Minister which tallies with my ideas of be preaching better than the pictures  
which some delight to paint of H..ll & the damned. At noon visited the  
Cyclopoedia. Eve'g had a real friendly visit with Luman & John.  
Wrote a letter to uncle Eph Taylor to send by J. Rogers. Mother very  
ill with sore mouth.

Aug 1820 MONDAY, AUG. 28 Nice temperate weather. Assisted Dimmick drawing  
11 rails to build fence on Patchin's land below Court  
Fence job house hill, lying between the River and the Furnace Brook. Father &  
Dimmick Henry managed at home so as to get time to bail some fishes out of the  
J.Rogers upp'r brook - Parsons joining company. Jon Rogers started for Conn.  
early this m'g.

TUESDAY, 29 Fine indeed. We went down and finished Dimmick's  
fence job - which consisted of two lines drawn  
across the lot between 30 & 40 rods long - 6 rails high - the 6th  
staked on. Had a little time to see Col H.Robinson drill the officers







Officers of the regiment acting in his official capacity as Inspector of Brigading.

WEDNESDAY 30th., Continued fine weather. Father was taken ill in the night and continued so all day. Being up with him caused me a dull day. Trashing wheat & plowing were pursued. Mr Marsh, our late minister, paid us a friendly visit this P.M.

THURSDAY (SEPT) Cloudy - wind S.W. Sowing the W. side of the Aug. 31st field above the house -  $1\frac{3}{4}$  acres - finished fall sowing - land all in good order. Uncle Z. Harwood & lady made us a regular visit.

Thunder FRIDAY, SEPT. 1st., Very warm - till 2 P.M. when a thunder gust came over which in its fury twisted off a middling pear tree & broke down an apple tree. I had set out to go after a load of boards, at Ovatt's mill in Pownal - and got to the old Fuller house just as it began to rain sharply - took the road to L. Jewett's - got some wet previous to my arrival there - Levi absent - his wife - a large but good looking woman; Mrs Green (Laura) and a young lady, stranger, were present. Had not much to say - enquired how many & what sort of children they had - Mrs J. had 2 girls - the eldest 4 in May - youngest I suppose about 2 - tottering about the house - the other gone to school. Friend Laura, who appeared in gay spirits, said she had 2 - the eldest a girl - the youngest a boy - 19 months old, which Burrell often carried off with him when he went to work & would keep him till he cried and then bring him back. See Alphabet - Letters G. & J.

Sep 1820 12 The boards I expected to take, belonged to Capt Norton - he had given me some information how to find them, but not so precisely as to warrant me in taking them - after much chasing, in the course of which Expedition saw a number of the rough unmannerly Hrdscrabblers who made no scruple to say in saying very familiarly "How do you do" though I had never seen them mill. since I was born - found Mr Ovatt who had a sore foot - appeared to be severe & some out of humor - could not inform me but very imperfectly respecting the business - I must go to Mr Kimbol, the man of whom Capt N. had the boards - this I could not do, it was so late in the day - went down and guessed for myself begun loading - presently a sharp, and angry voice exclaimed "Hey them aint the boards" - flung off what I had loaded - went again to Ovatt - found him in the barn where a hair lipped young fellow & another about his size had a little squabble, all in sport, & got considerably hurt. the latter having in the beginning of it a hammer in his hand which he accidentally hit the other with/in the face - the other in his turn hurt his knee - One of these had put me to trouble about the boards. Mr O. went with me and said that he should guess I had chosen the right pile - so I went to work again - finished loading - undertook to start off but old Nancy refusing to draw & having tried to obtain assistance without success - the sun being down - concluded to leave my load without further ceremony and return empty, with some little chagrin. Parsons & lady visited here this eve'g. Mrs Anne Waters was at this time visiting her friends in this quarter.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2d Never a finer day - but cold morn'g & ev'g. Took moxen, and without trouble or much pains, brought home my load consisting of good 8 dollar boards - rec'd them







unmeasured - agreed to have them measured by Mr Kent - capt N., Luman & John saw them as I came past there. P.M. spent in cutting up corn.  
 S.Waters Sophia Waters came to visit us this week. Mother continued very ill.  
 J.Rogers Mrs S. Dewey came to see her. Jonathan started for Connecticut on Monday morning - expected to be back this evening - but did not.

Sep 1820 SUNDAY, SEPT. 3rd Cold, night and morning - fine day - too dry. In  
 13 the morning read Butler respecting Harold, Wm the Conqueror &c. Wrote a reply to Annis Stone for her very good letter  
 Letter to dated in July - Mine was not compleated till Tuesday - went over much  
 Annis ground in order to compensate for writing so little heretofore - had  
 Stone not sent her and her mother a letter since the latter left here more than a year since - I now informed them that my mother & Mrs Duncan's health had been very poor but was growing better. In cousin A's letter it was mentioned that a considerable stir was going on in religion and that her cough had ceased - her health in a great measure restored. In mine, religion, the minister, drought, old cousins & acquaintance  
 Letter to severally claimed attention. Wrote another letter to cousin Catherine  
 Catherine in answer to one rec'd since Cousin Sam's departure craving to be told what to do respecting some land which was to be paid for at the Land Office - engaged to furnish her mother with money toward that object - gave directions how she wanted to have the business managed - requested in her name to have the matter suspended until her return. My friend  
 Dimmick H.Dimmick's lady added a daughter to her family on Tuesd'y the 29th ult. Mrs Dewy - Susan - tarried here all day. S. Waters still here.

MONDAY, 4th Warm indeed. Cut up corn - Dimm'k assisted.

TUESDAY, 5th It had not been warmer perhaps the present season.  
 Election VERMONT Election. After going round three times capt Moses Robinson was choden Rep. to the Assembly by a small majority The Republicans could have carried it at first had they united on Merrill, but the West-enders were many of them for E. Fillmore - a good farmer, but no statesman, however Merrill was their principal czndidate as Rob. was that of the federalists, tho' Capt N. had a few votes. Friend Luman & I viewed some books in Mer'll & Robinson's office. Our ladies visited at House's. Gid. was here this ev'g. Died this ev'g after a long illness, Marshall Carter - aged about 30.

Sept 1820 This young man, whose death is recorded at the bottom of p. 13 was an  
 14 attorney at law - possessed good acquirements in the literary department  
 Death of and was rising fast in the good opinion of his friends & acquaintance in  
 Carter. his profession. Left the world lamented & respected by all.

Corn WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 6th Pretty warm & fair. Finished cutting up corn &  
 cut up. raised the cider mill - repaired the sweep. The la-  
 Cider mill dies rec'd ;arge company - the Misses Waters', Sophia &c. - Mrs Loomis  
 and Sam's wife came to see mother who was getting better. Cousin Sam.  
 S Robinson who had arrived on the 5th from Fredonia - said they were generally  
 Jr doing well there - drought not so severe as in this quarter - Wolleben  
 & lady were smart and doing finely - likewise heard from Dixon who was married, living on his farm in Ohio. Henry attend'd commencem't on foot  
 Waters in co. with S.H.Blackmer & D. Ruttenbur - his friends. Hiram tarried here all night.

THURSDAY, 7th., Extremely warm indeed. The seeds were beaten off the flax and it was spread - also apples gathered -







Dimmick assisted - Mr Downs made cider on his own acc't - father assisted while Alanson D. worked for us. The drought was now sorely felt.

FRIDAY, 8th., Continued most extraordinary warm. Hops & apples were gathered. Esquire French of W. Stockbridge who brought up cousin Anne & her daughter & was now ready to return with them, put up here for the night - a very lively active man of 68 - possessed of a handsome property - had formerly conducted much business & was now capable of performing much - a good Whig of the Revolution - entertaining in conversation & to appearance a good man.

Waters Friend Sophia left us this eve'g to return to Arlington - had made a good visit.

SATURDAY, 9th., The great heat continued. Mr French & cousins departed this morn'g. Flax-seed was winnowed - some ditching attended to & besides Henry going on an unsuccessful errand expedition to work on the meet'g his hill. Jonathan arrived from Litchfield, Ct - left all in health - had sold his horse for 74½ D's - of which 70 was in money - rode home on an old horse 25 yrs old.

Sept 1820 Ere it be too late some remarks must be made on the produce of our meadows & fields. The former yielded nearly as well as in 1819 but varied considerably in different parts just as the season happened to operate - on dry spots - light - on those of an opposite quality more productive than the last season - See p. 425 - V.5.

Haying & harvest. Here follows a view of the grain as it was carted in

Winter Wheat, behind the rocks.....	1 acre.....	180 shieves
do the 3 sq field N.W. the barn...	2	, Light 420
Spr'g do W. of the barn, corn 1819 & pots		
	2¾	, Good 895
do do Lower pt of f'ld on Br'n line	¾	, 175
Rye .... Old Sheep pasture.....	5	, 862
do .... W. of the smallest f'ld Spg wht..	1½	, 336
Oats.... On the Fay line - N & E of S. Md	5	, 900
		3,768 Shieves

The field occupied with oats also produced 1 bhl of pears.

SUNDAY, 10th., Extremely warm indeed indeed. Visited Hinman's this morning & assisted the boys in catching trout for mother who was gaining her health slowly - also got some baked pig there. Perused Butler & wrote Jour'l. 7 years since Perry's victory.

Wagon MONDAY, 11th., Continued very warm - wind brisk from S.W. with evident signs of rain. At Frost's had the tire of our repaired by 1 h.wag. taken off and set again at 2/0 pr wheel - some other work was performed which bro't to 12 at noon. P.M. father & aubt Docia departed for Springfield by way of Wmstown, Colraine &c. Henry & I husked corn

Drought P.M. The upp'r spring and the brooks were never known so low - the great spring of the upp'r brook had become very much reduced but still poured but a handsome & business stream, luscious stream. Chat's mare had recovered from lameness - it proved to be gravel.

Sep 1820 Sep 1820 TUESDAY, SEPT. 12th A fine windy rainy day from N.W. Threshed  
16 16 rye.

WEDNESDAY, 13th., Fine weather - cool, morning & night. Henry went to







H.W. Fassett came down - rec'd a cheese & 2 bbls apples - Besides doing a Parsons & good many choars some apples were gathered. Friends Parsons & Haff & Haff. ladies paid us a visit. Mrs H. in her person being over the usual size Montague. put a figure that well, pleased my eye. Erastus arrived from working at Manchesters - White Cr'k - black-hole.

Cider THURSDAY, 14th., Cold m'g - mild day - fine ev'g - signs of rain.  
Made cider with Mr Hinman - filling up vacant moments beating up and sawing old wood & pulling weeds in the garden, of which there was an immense quantity. Hinman put in  $24\frac{1}{2}$  d we  $36\frac{1}{2}$  bbls rye--- ap. - he rec'd 3 bbls & we nearly 5 of cider - but not without another days pressing - Hinman had his this day by sun-set. Henry carried a hhd to the still of which 1 bbl was made from Mr Downs' cheese.

FRIDAY, 15 Fine & warm. Husked corn all day - 12 bbls s'd corn

Potatoes SATURDAY, 16 The same - w'd south west. Dug potatoes. Felt fatigued at night. Erastus came home from Col Cross' sick - had Dr Swift in the night by whom was bled - the Dr bro't down his bed and made it for him on the kitchen floor. Mr Oliver Whipple of Shaftsbury tarried here this night. H.Waters slept here.

SUNDAY, 17 Pleasant and very warm. In the morning the 17 Chapt. of St John was read by Mr W. who after commenting on the same made a long prayer and then departed - carrying Sally to meeting with him in his waggon. We poked an unlucky bull which had occasioned me some trouble. Perused Butler & Bigland on history. Eve'g a conference was attended in the S. pt of the town - Safford chief speaker - Hiram Waters watched with Erastus. Betsey made a short vis. here. Capt Brown called to see us.

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17 MONDAY, SEPT. 18 A hollow N.E. breeze prevailed all day - at night rained smartly - pretty warm too. Main empl'mt threshing rye, but had various other calls - such as writing a billet for Erastus friebd Erastus to Manchester of Cambridge, Black Hole, N.Y. - looking for the sheep which we could not find and driving Hinman's cattle out of the little meadow where they eat up all the apples they found on the gr'd.  
Derr Erastus sent Jonathan to get Dr Devy and to bring money from Mr Manchester, due him - Jon. staid all night - Derr came in the eve'g. Uncle Sam staid all night here watching most of it with Erastus - Bliss & Parsons called upon our friend in a friendly way. Henry had to be absent most of the P.M. on errands in town for ourselves & Montague. Jona's Journeyman, Dunham Mr Dunham - began to work for him.

TUESDAY, L(19 Very warm all day . Thrashed rye - finished all on E. mow. Fetched sheep off Hinman's rye in the Indian Lot. Jonathan arrived from Black Hole.

WEDNESDAY, 20th Cold and cloudy. Dimmick butchered a lamb in the m'g. The rye was winnowed - Grist sent to mill by Mr Eldred Henry with oxen & wagg'n - old wood gathered up &c. Mr Eldred & lady & lady paid us a visit.

THURSDAY, 21st., Large frost - good day followed. Husked corn at the heap.







FRIDAY, 22d Another milder frost - good fine day - Same business.  
 Arrival of Father arrived from his tour to the E. & S.E.  
 Journal Drought dreadful on the mountain lands - but on Conn river had frequent rains - cut good rowen. While on this visit ascended Mount Tom from which a fine view is had of the surrounding country - People generally healthy - went to see the only surviving uncle on his mother's side - Alexander Clark, in his 91st year - quite lively in conversation, but unable to go about much - resides in Shelburne.

SATURDAY, 23d Cloudy - raw wind from the S. Father & Henry dug potatoes. After working awhile in the m'g attended  
 Training training and P.M. they gave us a most thorough training drilling on D. Hubbell's flat - H. Robinson assisted - they marched us long marches.  
 Wm Noble Wm Noble had his trial for theft on Friday ev'g and bro't in guilty of horse stealing - foolish thing indeed.

Sep 1820 SUNDAY, SEPT. 24th Do not recollect respecting the weather. Erastus 18 first began to walk out since his sickness.

Montague MONDAY, 25th., Good but cool weath'r. Dug potatoes.

TUESDAY, 26th., Fine clear cool day - cold m'g & Ev'g. Regimental  
 Gen Review review. Officers acted rawly - 12 before they paraded - Col Cross was flung from his horse - a fiery restive steed not fit for the parade - the Col. performed mostly on foot - not very active - Inspector H. Robinson had most to do - Our standard bearers were serg'ts - to whom was attached a color guard. Music divided into 2 parts - the one in front or on the right, the other in the centre - among the latter James Whittum late a fifer in the U.S. service - good. Took the field about 1 P.M. in Isaac Robinson's meadow W. of W. Haswell's uneven bottom - had to march over - Belonged to capt. B's 3rd pl'toon - Alfred Dunbar on my right - H. Dimmick on my left - we marched shoulder to shoulder - pretty regular. Cavalry not on the ground, nor intended to be.  
 Officers and companies of this town made as good if not a better appearance than their brethren from other towns. Left the field time enough to take a turn down by the meeting house - reascended the hill & dismissed about sun-set.

New shed The new shed N. of Hick's was now finished outside, the upp'r part intended for mechanic's shops.

Dimmick WEDNESDAY, 27th., Fine. We dug potatoes - Dimmick assisted - Rog's troop'd in Shaftsb'y.

G Hinman THURSD'Y, 28th., Very fine - Work the same - Dimmick & G. Hinman as-  
 Paym't to sisted. Ev'g carried to Mr Frost to pay for black-  
 Frost smithing 20 bhls potatoes & 4 of corn in ear. Met Henry & Hinman's boys  
 Swift & near the school house in the wag. exchanged places with the former &  
 Pickett visited Mr Pickett - found due to him between 14 & 18 dolls for the pres  
 cash due ent year. E. Fay this P.M. raised the new end of his barn

FRIDAY, 29th., Fine & still. Finished digging 250 bhls potatoes in  
 Potatoes the fields. Good for the season. Drew up app.  
 brush to save wood.

SATURDAY, 30 Fine again & warm. Husked corn. David Worthington  
 D. Worthington was about preparing to leave town - Had pursued bus-







iness very steadily for the last 3 months with J. Rogers and gained a good reputation among all his acquaintances. Farrand left here in a sly unbecoming way - Aug 26, 1820

Oct 1820 SUNDAY, OCT. 1st., Fair and temperate. Had a touch of what they call'd 19 "the Horse Distemper". Sally and I rode with D.

Worthington in the 1 h. wag. to his uncles in Petersburg, N.Y. - 14  
Worthington miles S.W. of this - keeps hotel there between two meeting houses - the Expedition N. one belonging to the Methodists - small and nearly compleated - the to Pe- S. one - 45 by 55 lately raised & planned for elegant. We were genteely tersburg treated - conversed with one of Mr W's apprentices or rather journeymen, formerly an apprentice, who had travelled much in the Southern States - found him modest & intelligible. Viewed a new waggon building there with high wood & iron springs - very strong - inspected the 2 churches - shop & other curiosities - Saw & read a little in the "Mill Wright's Guide" by O. Evans & Ellicott - Mr W. himself being a practitioner - builds one or both these new meeting houses - driving great business. Said he saw Cousin Abijah in Albany - 1814. Sally talked much with the 2d daughter who was married, had 1 child - did not keep house yet - husband there - had a store hard by - her youngest brother not much in advance of her little Emily. The eldest daughter unmarri'd - 21 years of age this day - Mr W. but little more than 40. Having paid an agreeable visit to these people came away and arrived here past 7 - ev'g

MONDAY, 2d., Warm and cloudy, looked likely for rain - Made cider Cider to for Dr Swift - borrowed 2 bbls & sold to J. Hicks Jun Hicks at \$1. - agreed that he might have 8 more at the same price.

TUESDAY, 3rd., Rained slowly A.M. - P.M. cloudy - little or no rain  
We attempted husking in the field but the rain drove Boards us in - Dimmick after that measured those boards mentioned p. 12 and measured made out 520 feet - Kent made them but 507 - We receive them at D's Death of measure - D. left us and went home, having assisted in the field till it Lovicy rained hard. Cousin Lovicy Harwood this morning died of a consumption, Harwood. aged 33.

WEDNESDAY, 4th., Stormed from the E., but without much rain. We drove Dimmick corn harvest - Dimmick staid till between 10 & 11 when his wife sent for him home - and he went. Father and the girls went to cousin Stephen's - had supposed funeral was to be this day, but Swift & it was not so, At noon I would say, at night paid to Pickett 13 dollars Pickett - in bills.

Oct 1820 THURSDAY, OCT., 5th Rainy in the morning, cloudy & warm P.M. Busy about 20 harvest. Father & mother attended cousin Lovicy's funeral - Mr Marsh preach the sermon - and was said to do finely. Uncle Mr Marsh Taylor & aunt Sarah arrived here on a visit on the eve'g of the 4th in good health.

FRIDAY, 6 Chilly & rainy. Husked corn in the barn. Montague, tho' not able yet to bang at hard work was now Boss strongly pursueing business by having Boss Goodale at his right hand - Goodale. They arriv'd from Salem on the 5th P.M.

SATURDAY, 7 Fair and cool. Harvested corn. Erastus commenced Corn harvest working on F. Blackmer's cellar this day - had oxen







Mrs Kent & plow - Mr Busby dined here - Wm Campbell went home on Friday. Mrs Kent sick - Sally went & watfhed with her - the girls had previously Visiting done so. Melissa & Lydia visited at A. Norton's - this P.M.

SUNDAY, 8 Great white frost this morning - cool day. With father walked out - found dog sheep - looked for more & put up fence as business of necessity - attended to the usual task - writing. Rec'd the company of Messrs S. Parsons & Lambport of Hoosick a short time - talked of the canal &c. Perused of Sweden in Bigland. Anson Fox, Mr Goodale's apprentice, arriv'd.

MONDAY, 9 Rainy & chilly from S.E. Got in a load of corn. Mr Steves up Bliss butchered a lamb. Trenor & the little milk-room stoves were set up.

TUESDAY, 10 Warm & cloudy - wind S.W. Harvest continued. Bro't Sheep from Dr Swift's more than 20 sheep belonging to us. Visiting goes on briskly.

WEDNESDAY, 11 Large thund'r shower in the morn'g - ground well soaked. Harvest continued. Erastus vigorously drives at his cellar.

THURSDAY, 12 Rough, cold flying clouds - wd N. Finished husking Corn harvest in the field, had some yet in the barn to do - Mr Bliss assisted - and besides the worn - gathered 3 cart loads of apples. Woodpile Uncle Taylor & lady left here for home. The woodpile comprising about Eph Taylor 15 cords was broached - some of last years pile still remained, but all the loose, round stuff, old rails &c was chiefly gone. See V. 5 p.11,16 18. Uncle & aunt Taylor started for home

FRIDAY, 13 Fair - good day for business. With cart & oxen drew Montague stone for Montague to build cellar wall with - from Vander's quarry - Dimmick & Hildrum quarried - Muchn confusion prevailed Bliss in our friend's affairs - rather squally. Mr Bliss worked here this day - winter app's were gathered.

Oct 1820 We finished harvesting corn - of which according to calculation there 21 was some sound 100 bhls - unsound 20 bhls - but this last is mere guess work - a greater proportion of that kind was produced than in 1819. The Harvest corn grew on about 3-1/3 acres and the 250 bhls potatoes on 2 acres - quality very good.

SATURDAY, OCT. 14 Warm & cloudy - likely for rain. Drew in stalks & Settle with beans, & drew a load of lime for Erastus. Borrowed widow H. Hist. of Eng'd - 1st of Bisset. Ev'g began to rain - wind S.W. Harwood Settled accounts with aunt Hannah Harwood - who came here with Stephens' wife. Our part was \$4.95 in various ways - hers in weaving was \$6.61 - due her \$1.66

SUNDAY, 15 Rained powerfully all day and during the night. Wrote Journal and made entries in the Alphabet up to p. 20 Perused Eng. History concerning the French War of 1755. Worthington. D. Worthington spent the day and night here.

MONDAY, 16 Some rainy - foggy and cloudy all day. Prepared cider casks for use. One and a half bhls beans







Settled thrashed out - fences mended. Settled with Mrs Champney - hear charges with Mrs for weaving \$3.96 - ours \$4.61 - due us 65". Mr Hendee of White Creek Champney began to work for J. Rogers - the latter visited Alg'rs Mr Hendee

TUESDAY, 17 Cold & frosty - held cold all day - Wind N.  
N. Robinson We gathered apples - N. Robinson assisted - Shelled 2  
Batman bbls corn eve'g. Hinman made cider. Oatman tarried all night.

WEDNESDAY, 18 Cold - froze hard - moderate day. Expect'd rain.  
Built pigsty - let out the store hogs - remainder of  
Montague the day gath'rd app's. Goodale & Erastus pushed for town with waggon &  
Crosby horses to their job. A new snob from the other side of the mountain engaged with Rogers. Read History of Eng'd - taking Louisb'g Quebec &c.

THURSDAY, 19 Great signs of rain - rained some P.M. - ev'g fair.  
Bliss Nearly 4 bbls cider made for Bliss - grist of rye  
thraashed out & carried to mill - apples gathered &c. Mr Clark the  
S. Robin- hatter refused butter at 0/9 pr lb. Cousin Sam. Robinson was married  
sons this ev'g Jenny Hawkes daughter of the late Wm Hawks Esq'r by Sol Saff-  
wedding. ford Esq'r. Erastus & Sally, Jon. & Damia attended the wed'g.

Oct 1820 FRIDAY, OCT. 20 Hard frost - fine day. A black steer 2 yrs old past  
22 was butchered for us by Dimmick - grass fed - Qu'rs  
414 - h'd 68 - rough t. 17 - in all 499 lbs - beef sold at \$3. - saved  
Beef only 1 qr to ourselves - half weigh'g 200 went to Frost & 1 hind qr to  
Frost Dimmick - 98 lbs on Montague's acc't. Henry & I got a load of lime for  
Load lime Erastus with which sent him to town - Hinman made cider - exchanged  
Hinman works with him - father laid up his cheese & he assisted us in taking up  
Visit to flax. Lydia & Melissa went to Arlington. At night with Sally & Damia  
Arlington in Boss Goodale's waggon, attended cousin Sam's 2d day wedd'g at his  
2d day uncle Saff'ds - they had a smart selection, among whom were cousin U.M.  
wedding A. Rice, & others - everything in ample order. I made very bad music for  
them but troubled them only at short intervals for want of breath &  
skill. Boss Goodale came from his work sick.

SATURDAY, 21st., Fine & chilly. Nearly compleated gather'g app's  
about the house - got 1 load of pumpkins which was  
Parsons all that grew the present season except a few mean ones - Parsons bro't  
on his apples himself for cider without assistance. Girls arr'd from  
Arlington - had a good visit altho' Bingham & Laura were absent down  
Montague here. Erastus had nearly finished his store job. Hendee went to W.  
Creek

SUNDAY, 22nd., Hard frost - fair cool day - cold ev'g. Pursued A.M  
P.M. assisted by Jonathan unmantled the waggon -  
Visit to adjusted some little difficulties & put it together again. Ev'g rode in  
B. Squires it to B. Squires' - Sally & Melissa in company - carried a stag's hide  
Hide car- there to sell. S. said he always made a deduction of 1/2" on the pound  
ried to him. for hides of that description. I told him we wanted no more than what  
was right - if that was it - weighed 68 lbs - could not pay at this  
time - but would shortly at 4 1/2 c's. Mrs S. had lately ushered into this  
Births world her fourth child - a daughter. Left Algiers & came by way of  
J. Norton Smith's and the Atwood place to J. Norton Jun - spent a little time with  
Jun'r friend John, G. House & W. Smith. S. Loomis & lady were above stairs -  
herd they also had young daughter, not so old as that at Squires' - Mrs  
Mrs Street on the carpet - Got 1/2 doz milk pans - cream pot & 2 pitchers  
Worthing- on J. Rogers acc't \$2.08" & came home. D. Worthington took final leave  
ton of us at dawn.







Oct 1820 MONDAY, Oct. 23rd Frosty morning - good day for business - signs of  
23 rain. Made cider for ourselves - sent 3 hhd's to  
Drover capt N's still. A drover called to see if we had young cattle to sell  
- shewed him a smug pr of 2 yr old steers in good order - for which he  
offered \$11 a h'd - we refused for less than 12. He appeared very  
H.H.Fas- fair as a man of his profession - seeming willing to inform us upon  
sett what principle he dealt. H.H.Fassett rec'd 15 lbs 14 oz cheese at 6 $\frac{1}{4}$   
Cash pd Mother went to the fulling mill - paid Lem Leach \$1.00 - Birthday,  
L.Leach aged 32.

TUESDAY, 24th., Angry flying clouds till past mid-day, then more  
Garden clear, but chilly all day. We attended to the press  
- got a few apples in the y'g orch'd - dug potatoes in the garden -  
Sold Irish Greys - turned out poorly - gathered beans in the garden &c.  
cheese. Rode to town with Jonathan in the double wag - divided a cheese between  
Cash recd Pickett & D.Clark - the form'r 7 lbs  $\frac{1}{4}$  - latter 8 lbs - Rec'd of H.  
of Robin- Robinson for 23 lbs butter - \$2.87 $\frac{1}{2}$  and of H.H.Fassett towards cheese  
son & \$9.00 in money - The latter at Pickett's saw me & undertook to run me  
Fassett hard for not fulfilling contracts concerning butter, but ere the con-  
versation ended - made out my side good. Had myself measured at Hen-  
dryx's for a short coat. Bo't at Patchins' 1 g. molasses & pd cash 2/9  
L Patchin also 4/6 for scythe snath bo't in July or Aug. Esq'r Patchin dunned me  
for 15" which I assured him I had certainly paid, and was very confi-  
dent of having a minute of it at home - however, he was so positive  
Mistake that they, he & his clerk, could make no mistakes that he could hardly  
believe me to be correct - this was for a pt of rum which I sent by  
Henry Robinson (cousin) to get for Cady - July 1st - told him to go to  
S. & Pickett's and buy 1 lb tea & pt rum - he made a blunder - went to  
Patchins' - got his tea & paid for it - the rum was charged - the same  
eve'g I went to town & p'd for it - made entry of it on 3 different  
places - I was not very particular about July 1st as may be seen V.S.5  
J.Duncan 543. At Merrill & Robinson's office heard that Mr Duncan was a close  
prisoner on a Jail Bond - saw Capt O. Abell there in good spirits -  
Took Col. M's 4 bbls & came home did not know where Jona was.

Oct 1820 WEDNESDAY, OCT. 25th., Very dark and some rainy in the morning -  
24 before 9 began to snow - and continued sometime  
Grew extremely boisterous P.M. wind high from N.W. till ev'g, then be-  
came more calm but freezing - Windows were repaired with wooden panes,  
casks put in order, baskets mended by Henry & a cistern full of pomice  
Beef cow ground. We commenced fattening the young cow called "Little Bug"

THURSDAY, OCT. 26 Wintry, frosty & some snowy - grew more pleas't  
Dr Swifts as the day advanced - Cool & fair all day.  
cider Made cider for Dr Swift and mended stzble floor - Grand Ball at Fassett's  
Aff Band performed.

FRIDAY, 27th., Wintry hard frozen morning - pleas't till P.M  
Cider to then clouded up, grew chilly - snowed in the  
Still. eve'g. Attended to Dr S's cider. Henry carried hhd cider to the still  
- 118 gs - returned with an empty iron bound one in lieu of one sent  
there Sept 14 - At the same time Pat Gulliver carried 1 for Dr Swift -  
Champney 116 galls. Took care of Col M's barrels. Champney gathered apples at  
1 bbl cider for every 50 bbls apples - Read History in the shop.  
J.Rogers Rogers & Hendee arrived with goods which they bo't in Hoosick - they  
Hoosick furnished us in full with whips.







SATURDAY, 28th., Blue, cloudy, chilly & extremely unpleas't, snowed round snow awhile P.M. - snow lay on hills & mountains - wind N.W. - made cider for Dr Swift - thrashed some sp'g wheat.

Cow sold We sold a black 4 yrs old cow, commonly called "White Horn" to friend Champney & received in had thirteen dollars in bills - she was farrow, but was sound and had no bad tricks. An elderly man, pedlar from Johnstown, N.Y. came to tarry with us - also a young man who said he left the south of Scotland in Apr'l last - arrived at Quebec - June 4th - thence came to Montreal - tarried there a few weeks - then entered the States - had lived in Troy - was now going to cross the Gr. M'ts - ultimately to visit a brother in Dover, N.H. - Sheemak'r by occupation

Pedlar

Scotchman

Pedlar

Esq Noble - Esq'r Noble & lady visited here this P.M. Mr Fisher buried his wife

Death of - daughter of Mr N. Ripley - her name was Pamela, aged perhaps 22 or 23

Mrs Fisher

Nov 1820 Died on the 23rd inst. Mr Eleazer Edgerton in his year - by occupation a carpenter - had acquired a decent property - always supported the character of an honest upright citizen - was a brave Whig in Revolutionary days and a Republican in later times.

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Edgerton

SUNDAY, OCT., 29 Froze hard this morning - cool & pleas't - wind NW

Dr Swift Busy writing for Jon. & myself all day. Dr Swift here in the eve'g

Cold MONDAY, 30 Cold freezing morning - but very fine till tow'd noon then became hazy - at night clouded up for a storm. Made cider for ourselves - ran 6 bbls into the cellar -

Tin Our Christian pedlar left us - paying \$1 in tin for his entertainment -

pedlar

Montague appeared honest. Erast. & Anson commenced working at the limekiln -

Hinman Ev'g we shelled 1 bhl corn. This P.M. Parsons ground bark. Hinman prepared to kill hogs next day. Had made in the whole the present season for Dr Swift about 37½ bbls of cider. Kent set a few cogs in our mill. Erastus & Jona. visited at House's in the eve'g - horse got away but they found him not a great way on the road toward home.

Dr Swift

Montague

TUESDAY, 31st., Cloudy & warm - expected rain the whole day. Sent to mill 3 bbls 14/32 rye & 1 bhl corn. Eve'g

Lydia carried Lydia to L. Patchin's where she took up cloth for a great coat

Harwood & trimmings to the am't of \$11.22" on E. Montague's acc't. Erast's

Montague worked at his kiln - uncle Sam. drew wood for him. Posted books for

Rogers Rogers. Mr Crosby left off working for Rogers - returned to Wilmington

Crosby Hinman butchered pork.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 1st Rainy early in the m'g - pleas't P.M. - warm all day. Made cider. Uncle Sam went home. E. Fay Jr

E Fay Jr & Norton's boys bro't home our flock, or part of them, mixed with a good many of Hinman's from which we separated them - turned 'em to pasture hoping they would not again plague our neighbors. Posted books in the eve'g.

Flock

THURSDAY, 2d Warm and cloudy till noon - mid P.M. had a smart sh'r - then cleared up again - soon after wind

S.R. changed to N.W. and another show'r succeeded - uncle Sam got wet by it - drawing w'd for Erast's.







Nov 1820 26 Besides taking care of cider - got in the remnant of our corn fodd'r. Montague put fire to his kiln. We drew up a l'd of tan bark from Parsons' & strewed around the mill. A part of the S. Dis't were at work on the highway at Parsons' - S.Loomis, J.Norton Jun, Champney, L.Jewett B. Green, Alge, S. Batt &c. Spent the eve'g posting books for Jonathan Rogers. who felt, no matter how.

FRIDAY, NOV. 3rd. A most unpleasant A.M. - storming a mixture of rain & snow - P.M. continued black cloudy & muddy.

Cider Ground up all thenapples we had at the mill - a few remained yet to  
Champney gather. Jonathan had 3 bbls cider on Champney's acc't - the latter re-  
ceiv'g it of us tow'd gather'g apples - of which I think there were 205  
Hills bbls. Eve'g or just before sun-set visited Capt. Hill's on an errand  
Great respecting cider bbls - 9n my way crossed Dewey's woods which were  
storm in greatly injured by the terrible storm in Jan'y last - Called at the  
January pocket furnace - thence went to Conklin's to see T. Hills who was paint  
Conklin ing the interior of C's house. Viewed the works and talked with C. rep  
spect'g J. - told him I did not think he was making anything under  
Rogers their contract - he threw out some hints which I disliked. Jonathan &  
I this eve'g looked through his affairs pretty thoroughly and found  
Slocum that they were not desperate. Slocum came to buy Erastus' horse.

SATURDAY, 4th., Extremely unpleasant indeed - drizzling, muddy &  
Cider sold black. Sent  $7\frac{1}{2}$  bbls cider or say enough to make u  
to Hills up that number with had been sent to Col Merrill & 3 more to Capt Hills  
Merrill The Col's casks were in bad order - smoked them with burning straw &  
Settle't brim-stone. H's bbls we had to fetch with our own team, by which they  
with Nor- were (to) conveyed to his door. Settled an acc't of between \$13. & \$14  
ton 2d with M. Norton 2d - paid the balance in salt'd pork - 16 lbs 10 Oz at  
Montague 10" - except 1/0 - payable in brandy. Montague had a bad time for  
burning lime.

Nov 1820 27 SUNDAY, NOV. 5th Most unpleasant and very homely weather - snowed and  
rained powerfully toward night. Sp busy writing  
Church could not get time to shave. Numbers entered the Church in Bennington  
this day - and among others we may name Miss C. Loomis - Erastus sold  
C.Loomis his horse to Lemuel S. Slocum for \$80. on a credit of six months - S.  
Montague took him off to Hoosack.

MONDAY, 6th., No less unpleas't than on the 5th - but not so wet.  
Parsons Wind blew high from N.W. Parson's cider was put  
cider to making about which he personally as well as his boys assisted -  
father laying up the cheese. Henry & I thrashed wheat.

TUESDAY, 7 Cloudy raw & cold - likely for storm. Rode with  
Mother to Babbett's - thence to Leach's with whom  
made a sort of settlement - paid him \$7. which added to \$1. paid in Oct.  
and what Erastus M. paid him last winter & spring in shoemaking & brooms  
- I found after I came home & saw the book came within 13" of paying up  
the acc't of 1819 - which amounted to \$16.08". His acc't for the pres't  
year am'td to between \$9. & \$10 and what was yet to be done would make  
it near \$14. We left there & came to uncle Sam's - called a little while  
- then rode on to Court House hill - stopped sometime here to do errands  
 $\frac{3}{4}$  saw uncle S. Robinson drawing manure for H. H. Fassett - Heard that  
pork had fallen from 5 to  $4\frac{1}{2}$  dolls at Troy - wheat 75" - everything on







Sherwin the same scale which is raised by the farmer. Mr Sherwin staid here this night

WEDNESDAY, 8

Rainy till near mid-day - dark, cloudy & muggy night.

Settle'mt with Conklin cider. Went with Jonathan to Conklin's to assist in a settle't between them which took place very amicably - C. owed Rogers \$33.05" - Looked at his books and found them almost wholly religious. Mrs C., L. Street, a young girl & black Rose were present.

Nov 1820 28 FRIDAY, NOV. 9

Severe chilling N.W. wind prevailed - froze very hard at night - cloudy, extremely sour & homely.

Thresh'g Hinman Spring wheat was trodd'n out with horses. Father laid up pumice for Hinman, assisted by himself & Dimmick. H. was in a partial state of delirium - on the 8th had resigned his old mare & colt with a small sacrifice of other property into the hands of J. F. Billing of whom he bo't her - B. had sued him - H. paid the cost.

FRIDAY, 10

Flying clouds, wind strong N.W., freezing as winter.

Merrill Main business at the barn. Parsons cider was drawn home of which he had this year about  $9\frac{1}{2}$  bbls including one made in Oct. Eve'g carried to Col Merrill 1 bbl cider making in all \$8 - 51 lbs cheese at  $04\frac{1}{2}$  and 25 lbs butter at 0/9 - the full amount of the former he had rec'd was  $60\frac{1}{2}$  - of the latter  $32\frac{1}{4}$  lbs - Carried cheese enough to Rogers Clark to am't to 101 lbs and bargained away a hog at \$5 per hund. cheese Jonathan bro't his cheese from Dunham's - Pownal - 137 lbs. Gave Henry an order on S. & P's store to the am't of 75".

SATURDAY, 11

Very cold & firmly frozen, hubby ugly travell'g -

The Still Luman dim & cloudy all day - chilly N. wind. Henry thrashed pats by stint - fzther prepared wibdows for winter. I visited friend at Nortonsbusiness at Troy which was at a very low ebb - Capt N. assisted here.

John A youngish man named Bratt bro't about 3 bbls cider there & I left Staunton them filling a bbl with brandy - for him. P.M. rode with Jonathan to town - tried in vain to sell wheat. Saw at Merrill & Robinson's office Mr John Staunton had in tow by L. Fay on acc't of debt. Merrill talked Politics at Fassett's respecting the proposed alteration of the Constitution to give our Judges seats for 7 years to which he was opposed.

Jonathan rec'd about 126 lbs fine cheese at Mr Loomis' - designed for S. & H. Parsons.

Nov 1820 29 SUNDAY, NOV. 12

The precedinig night was as tedious & winter-like as are many in Jan'y & the day was not much less so -

snow flying from S.E. - at night wind changed to N.W. - grew very cold. Mr Sherwin left here this morning with whom we made a fair settle't & paid him off in full. He said he should discontinue the peddling business for the present - indeed it was nearly time, for his old waggon failed him so bad that he had to withe one of the fore-wheels to hold it together. Wrote a letter to cousin Harry Palmer of Hopkinton, N.Y. in reply to one of a late date, Oct. 28, wherein he anxiously inquired respecting uncle Jonas, from whom they had rec'd no intelligence for a long time - said they had a fine boy which they proposed to come here &



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Letter to exhibit the ensuring winter if Sally & I were not intending to visit them - handsomely complimented us in usual style. I answered that it was two years since a letter had been rec'd from uncle J. to whom I had written last summer - that we could not leave home to go on a visit there - invited them strongly to pay us a visit - Great affection was expressed for uncle Hopkins & all his family & connexions - in this strain the thing ends. Entered it at Pittstown. Rec'd Palmer's on the 14. This ev'g Mr Haff came up from Parsons' to see us. Erastus invited hither his cousin Lewis Smith of Hatfield, Ms. Anson Fox who had faithfully worked in Erastus' service since Goodale's return home, was now preparing to depart. Wm Campbell & Henry DeBar went to Hoosack.

Haff  
L. Smith  
A. Fox  
Campbell  
& DeBar

MONDAY, 13

Thick ice, snow - 2 or 3 inches deep - high freezing blasts from N.W. constituted this day's weather.

Fox &  
Smith  
Rogers &  
Conklin  
Contract  
ended.

We were in various ways employed - removing grain from the barn to the house, getting apples from the garret into the cellar & mending stable floors - Fox & Smith went to Salem. Jona. Rogers this day closed his contract with Dan'l D. Conklin who on book acc't owed him \$38.87" but held a note against R. to pay D. Worthington's wages nearly to that am't Dismissed his hands & returned all things to Conklin as they were rec'd

Nov 1820  
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Tuesday, Nov. 14

Very tedious - in the morning, but grew more mild as the day advanced. Our cattle were carefully looked

Cold  
Leach's  
Fassett

to and other concerns taken care of. Visited the fulling mill at Leach' - spent some time at uncle Sam's - found him ill. On the Hill - nothing here to raise sinking spirits. Fassett took me into his cellar to show me a little mistake, as he termed it - I argued my side well enough - If some people give up a little bounty on certain articles they buy, in order to take it off again - complain of the quality although chosen under their own eye - willing to assist in raising the price to their neighbors, but determined to evade it themselves. This comment I make upon what happened then.

WEDNESDAY, 15

Expedition  
to Troy

Cold morning but moderated away ere night - likely to storm till towards eve'g - clear moon light ensued. Went to Troy in a one horse waggon, carried  $2\frac{1}{2}$  bushels wheat &  $3\frac{3}{4}$  bbls flaxseed - the former sold to McCoun at 75" - the latter to Silliman & Grant at \$1.12 $\frac{1}{2}$  - At McC's saw an old fat farmer of Saratoga with wheat, which he called good winter wheat, but which on opening his bags a great part of it appeared to be spring wheat - Left him without knowing his fate. Rec'd paym't in money of McC. & of L. & G. 1 bhl salt at 6/6, 2 do at 6/0, 1 do blown at 5/0, 1 lb sugar, 1 do tea & 1 g. molasses. Bo't & paid them cash for 22 lbs seal leather at 22" - 1 mor. skin at \$1.12 $\frac{1}{2}$ " & 5 lbs cut nails at 45" - Did some errands at Mrs Sims & Miss Shelden's for Melissa S. Dont think they were very honest at that (Mrs Sims) shop. Staid at Niles' - upper end.

THURSDAY, 16

S B Young  
&  
Fred  
Jewett  
deaths.

Froze in the morning - fair & w'm all day. Returned from Troy - had bad waggoning at the hither end of the route - Started at 8 in the m'g & arrived about 6 in the eve'g. Was informed that on the eve'g of the 14 Mr Sam'l B. Young departed this life in his 42d year. At one time he had the reputation of an intelligent, active & vigilant attorney - possessed good talents, but closed his life as many do - in folly. Also Mr Fred Jewett in his 62d year - a man of very excellent manners - large & unweildly in person.







Nov 1820 Mr J. on the morning of the 15th - his disorder was the palsy. I was  
31 not quite correct in stating Rogers business on Monday - his contract  
Funeral was abandoned on that day, but did not finally wear out his men & uten  
of Jewett sills belonging to Conklin till next day.

FRIDAY, NOV. 17 Indian Summer - warm mild & cloudy - My father & I &  
attended the funeral of Mr Jewett which was held at  
the house of the deceased. The corpse, which was very ponderous was  
deposited in the earth near the remains of his father within a small en-  
closure on the hill N.W. of the house, under the shade of the expanded  
branches of a venerable butternut. Most of the neighbors, particularly  
the men attended - several from the Street and from Pownal were present.  
Mr Peters & his clerical friend Haynes assisted each other in the relig-  
ious exercises performed at this time - Mr P. delivered a very good dis-  
course from the words of St Paul which says something like this - "It  
is appointed unto all men once to die - and after death comes the Judget  
If I mistake not, the bearers were Mr Loomis, Capt Norton, Mr  
House & my father. After returning home & taking supper went to Capt  
Yearling N's with father to see about a yearling which we supposed was among his  
at Capt cattle - on examination - found one which nearly answered the descrip-  
Norton's tion of that for which we were enquiring, but could not exactly ascer-  
tain the mark - and Capt N. not fully satisfied, tho' he would not  
claim it if marked, his having none - we postponed it till another time.  
While on this visit got very interestingly engaged talking with  
L.N. fri'd Luman about Earthquakes & the causes thereof.

SATURDAY, 18 Warm & muddy - wind S.W. - Had waggon mended at  
Frost Frost's by Fisher. P.M. went to Wm Haswell's & to  
Merril's Merrills, to the latt'r bargained a hog at \$5 pr cwt. Father built  
staken board fence, N. side of the N. yard. Henry thrashed oats - Mr  
Hinman Hinman was making the last of his cider.

Nov 1820 SUNDAY, NOV. 19 Cloudy & mild - wind changed to N.W. A nasty, ugly,  
32 beggarly impudent boy & girl, the former 11 the lat-  
ter 13, years of age, left here this morning. I was opposed to bestow-  
ing more charity upon them than their food & lodging because they were  
Beggars apparently in good health & could earn their living as well as anybody  
and besides it would encourage them to persevere in their bagrant, dis-  
solute course of life. But my counsel did not prevail - mother through  
sincere, but mistaken motives could not resist giving some articles of  
clothing wearing apparel - with ill manners & reluctance they took leave  
of us. Elizabeth & Simeon Thrasher they called themselves.  
Goodale On Saturday m'g Boss Goodale started from this to his residence in  
Duncan Salem, N.Y. Same day Mrs Duncan paid us a visit.

MONDAY, 20 Fine day for business, tho' it was muddy, raw w'd S.  
Expedition t Went to Brown & Turner's sawmill & rec'd a load of  
to saw hemlock planks 362 ft b'd measure & few pine boards of an inferior qual-  
mill ity & 2 pieces of scantling to the am't of \$2.69" on E. Montague's acc't.  
Harry Turner assisted me in getting my load - appeared very well disposd  
- his father was not at home when I first went there but arrived before  
I came away. Harry was very kind in endeavoring to find some stuff for  
barn-door posts - put only partially succeeded. Called at uncle Elijahs  
- talked with him - saw the deacon with his joiners shingling his barn.  
My load was heavy & the travelling bad.

TUESDAY, 21st., Very rainy, or at least it was so P.M. We butchered







Pork 6 hogs - assisted by Hinman & Dimmick - the latter cut up pork in the evening - Champney became one of our party in consequence of having of 3 of his own to kill & dress here bro't in a cart from his house. Our caldron we found very useful on this occasion.

Weight The swine this day butchered was all of one litter, fed together & 19 months old - Weighed thus:

1st.....	372 $\frac{1}{2}$	4 .....	362 $\frac{1}{2}$	.....	1106 $\frac{1}{2}$
2d .....	371	5 .....	275	.....	899 $\frac{1}{2}$
3 .....	363	6 .....	262	Lbs	2006 in all
	Lb 1106 $\frac{1}{2}$		Lbs	899 $\frac{1}{2}$	

Nov 1820 33 Having previously agreed with Messrs Clark & Merrill to furnish them each with a hog at \$5.00 pr hund, accordingly went up to fulfill my engagement. Mr Merrill's was first taken out, & supposed to be the smallest - then, went to Clark's & had his taken out & weighed in the presence of himself, Mr Thomas, Mr Bisby, Mr S. Clark & another character. Clark, after seeing his weight, appeared uneasy - wanted I should make allowance for shrinkage & for rain - I was unwilling to do so, unless it were customary - Mr B. said he knew nothing of the mode of weighing pork, but in beef there was a deduction, 2 lbs in the hund. I would not comply - but offered to call the sum to which it amounted \$18. instead of \$18.12" as the real reckoning was - the pork weighing 362 $\frac{1}{2}$  lbs. Accompanied friend Bisby to Merrill's & had his weighed off without any ifs or ands - the weight being 372 $\frac{1}{2}$  lbs - Clark came over & app'd to have fresh cause for uneasiness in comparing carcasses - his being much larger boned - dressed in worse order &c. - finally friend C. & I agreed to put off the decision of this business till further consideration. Bisby said for his part he could see very little difference in them & pronounced it handsome pork & worth the price they gave for it tho' it was greater than could be had in Troy - Gave M's the preference. My experience in pork dealing was too little to set up very stiff for my rights, but at home on consulting with father who had in the course of his life sold many hundreds to merchants & others; he said the doctrine of shrinkage in pork was novel - so said Dimmick - and as for water that was totally inadmissable - it never was heard of till bro't up by Bowen & Pickett in 1815 - nor would they have uttered it had it not been for their making their bargain ere they knew pork had fallen from 8 to 7 or \$6 pr (the) hund.

WEDNESDAY, 22d Frozen m'g - good day for business. We began clearing out the S. house stable preparatory to laying the new floor. Visited town at night - saw H. Waters - helped carry in hearth stove for R. Carp'r. Paid a friendly visit to fr'd L. Norton - play'd the flute - bo't stone pot for 4/0

Nov 1820 34 THURSDAY, NOV. 23d Wind S., likely to rain - roads very muddy - Carted manure & got timber for sleepers to the stable.

Dr S's pork. In the course of this ev'g visited Hinman's, Dr Swift's, Frost's shop & Dewey's still. Dr Swift had killed 2 hogs, one of which weighed 408. Gleason & Dimmick cut up & packed it. Accomplished my object here.







FRIDAY, 24 Really fine Indian Summer day. We carted manure on the S. meadow over against Jon's shop - At night carried to Fassett 18 lbs butter - of which 14 was due him - paid for the remainder at 0/9. With some difficulty hunted up Hiram Waters and had him set out a piece of work for me & then he came home with me.

SATURDAY, 25 Pretty mild & warm, cloudy & foggy - (&cloudy)  
Finished getting out manure, & P.M. went to Montague's limekiln where he & Champney were taking out lime - rec'd a load of 31 bbls which I drew, with the oxen only, to B. Squires'. B. was from home & G. Potter had command, directed me to draw it close to their door & then informed me that he had so much to do he could not assist me, and what was more, M. had agreed to unload it himself. Upon this I grew very angry - to think M. had sent me so late in the day with such an enormous load &, without saying a word, imposing the job upon me. After some hesitation and making essays towards unloading, & disposing of some brooms, as directed - left my cart & made the best of my way home with my oxen before me. Erastus, on talking with him, denied agreeing as Potter said - explained away the affair to me satisfactorily. Henry attended Pat. Gulliver's shooting match. A scrape ensued in the ev'g at Patchin's new store. H.Waters & Newell Squire slept here - coming in late.

SUNDAY, 26 Wind had blown very strong from the S. in the night - this morning a black thunder cloud gathered in the N.W. - a few sharp flashes of lightning & heavy peals of thund'r followed accompanied with a slight rain which was succeeded by hard wind from N.W. - lay'g fences &c.

Nov 1820 Wrote Journal and perused the pages of Bissel on the War of 1775  
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MONDAY, 27 Very cold - hobby in the road - Dry high w'd N.W. We got home a yearling from Capt Norton's which had been among their cattle ever since summer which caused us to be mistaken as to the natural mark of the creature - Our artificial mark is 2 slits in the right ear - we had claimed a black or dark brown one with a white face which capt N. was very positive belonged to him - we were not quite so positive that it was not, but supposed he might be mistaken; however on examination found him correct; he directed us to one that he presumed to be ours & we were satisfied that it was & drove it home - it had our regular mark, coloured black all over except grey edges to the ears. Having done this we went to Kent's to get him to work for us, but he could not because he must go to town - lent us his broad axe which I went to bring from Fay's - visited the deacon's barn which he had repaired in good style. Bo't of Capt Norton 250 ft of common pine boards which he had of Kimbol of Pownal tow'd land - at \$1 pr hund including transportation, the mill price 00.80". We worked at the horse stable. Erastus worked at drawing lime to capt Squires' - had our oxen

TUESDAY, NOV. 28th., Most of the day a most severe & piercing gale blew from the S. - snowed violently a few hours. We laid horse-stable floor in the S. division. Lydia, Damia & cousin Margaret visited at uncle S. Robinson - the 2 former returned in the midst of storm. He. De'bar began going to school on the 27th.







WEDNESDAY, 29      Rather moderate in the m'g - but P.M. it became extremely cold & tedious - wind blowing like a hurricane from N.W. Father sick - took care of the cattle - visited town to get sand & the lime kiln to obtain lime with which to set up the Lenox stove - of the latter got 4 bhls. Uncle S. Rob. came here this eve'g - talked in good natured chat awhile & went home, leaving Polly to make a visit. Dimmick & Erastus attempted but failed working at the limekiln. Dr Swift had our oxen to haul wood on the 29th.

S. Robinson  
 Montague  
 Dr Swift

DEC 1820 36      THURSDAY, NOV. 30      It continued most pinching cold indeed. Erastus set up old Lenox - which smoked badly & at times so contin'd. Dimmick made us a butternut ox yoke - a rotten place at one end went far towards spoiling it.

Stray heifer  
 Capt D. Robinson  
 Bliss  
 Waggon tongue broken  
 Bissett

FRIDAY, DEC. 1st      Very dry cold & windy from N.W. Father, Erastus & myself bro't from Capt N's a 2nd time the heifer spoken of on the 27th ult - met capt David R. on horseback who asked if it took 3 men to drive a calf. Drew a load of pretty good old maple wood for Mr Bliss to his door from a place between our plow field and gen. Robinson's wood land of whom he rec'd it. While gone to Frost's left the oxen without freeing them from the waggon - in the course of a few minutes they broke the tongue completely off up to the braces - made out to tie it in such a way as to get that & the fanning mill home from Dr S's. Eve'g read Bissett & Gordon on the war - 1777.

Margaret Harwood  
 S. Robinson's

SATURDAY, 2d      Pretty fair & became more moderate, but remained very smug weather - wind N.W. m Cousin Margaret started for Petersburg. Visited uncle Sam's - carried cousin Polly home - went Walbridge's with a grist - visited Leach's - no cloth - would be done by next Tuesday week - visited the paper mill - saw them press - cash for paper at 3.75" the ream - grist being ground, came away - dined at uncle S's - he accompanied me on the road to Rich'd Carpenter's - reached home by sunset. Father had winnowed 24 bhls oats.

SUNDAY, 3rd      Hazy & chilly - wind N.E. People were detained late at meeting by Mr Peters.

School Master  
 Merrill  
 Dimmick

MONDAY, 4      Very chilly raw wind & rain from S.W. - unpleasant enough indeed - We mended horse stable siding. Mr school-master Merrill began boarding here. Dimmick fixed yoke this eve'g.

Dec 1820 37      TUESDAY, DEC. 5      Cloudy & very chilly. Father & Mr Kent worked on the horse stable which they about compleated - went to mill for the latter - visited the mills of Saf'd & Dewey - went to J. Norton's & to B.Squires' - there dined with Andrew Robinson who lives in the Black River country - related a remarkable instance of fraud in the transactions of a Mr Whittlesey who was fortunately detected before the consummation of his nefarious plot in which his wife bore the chief part and on that account finding that she could no longer remain in secret, went toa precipice over-hanging the river & leap'd into eternity. Rec'd of B. Squire in bills on Montreal bank \$3.37" - Went to Capt Hills - bro't some stove castings for him from the pocket Furnace - Did errands on the hill - got a few bricks of Frost and came home by sunset.

Kent  
 Milling  
 And. Robinson  
 Knavery  
 B.Squire  
 cash pd







WEDNESDAY, DEC. 6 A slight springling of snow was upon the g'd & it was quite cold & some slippery - w'd N.W.

We thrashed out  $2\frac{1}{2}$  bhls rye which I carried to mill on the wood-sleigh drawn by oxen across lots - returned the same way with Kent's grist of wheat and the old cart from B. Squires'.

THURSDAY, 7th Mild fore part of the day - mid-day threat'd storm from S. - ev'g rained hard awhile. We repaired board fence down the lane north side by planting posts - found but little impedim't from frost. Ev'g visited the mill - got no grist - say & talked Goods bet with J. Murphy. In town bo't of Patchin 10 lbs nails at 10" & 6 lbs sug of Patch- at  $12\frac{1}{2}$ " & paid him in full. Henry Robinson arrived with goods for him in from Troy.

FRIDAY, 8th Wind W. & thawy. We plant'd posts for mak'g b'd B'd fence fence E. side the b'n y'd - Eve'g visited town with Goods of J. Rog's - Bo't of S. & Pickett 1 lb tea -  $\frac{1}{2}$  do pep -  $\frac{1}{2}$  do spice - 1 do Pickett ging'r - all am'td to \$1.41 - paid \$1.19 - also bo't of H. Robinson 1 lb & pd for it. Called at Dr Swift's on an errand - borrowed N.Y. Spect'r of him.

SATURDAY, DEC. 9  
Dec 1820 38 Cloudy & chilly - P.M. & eve'g snowed considerably. Our new b'd fence was compleated & all bits of boards were cleared from the b'n yard. Montague & H. Waters slept togeth'r at night. Docia went to Hunt's. Montague I pursued the usual task in the evening reading Bissett & Gordon on Eng. H. Waters & Ancient history and comparing their different statements of battles. Bissett The latter author I greatly prefer as a ~~vah~~did, fair, unvarnished writer & Gordon - appearing to have a sympathetic feeling for the lovers & defenders of rational liberty such as the Fathers of our glorious Revolution dared to step forth & express expose themselves to all the horrors of a sanguinary and brutal contest which lasted seven year'd in defence of. Mr B. as it respects American affairs is in my opinion wilfully partial because he compared his history so long since those days that he had full opportunity to correct every error that heat of party or other cause might have engendered - if his history should take the place of Wm Gordon's, the Am'n R. would appear to future generations very different from what it really was - let all who read the former ought be sure to have the latter at their elbow to obtain correct information on the most prominent events of that day.  
School Master Merrill Mr School Master Merrill thro' incompe'y quitted school Frid'y ev'g

SUNDAY, 10 Snow now lay perhaps 3 or 4 inches deep - sleighing good comparatively - wind high N.W. Our folks improved the sleighing in going to church. Wrote Journ'l and at eve perused the ungenerous language of Bisset respecting the case of Maj'r Andre - 1780 - but this is finely rebutted by Gordon whose statement is confirmed by hundreds of living witnesses at this distant day.

MONDAY, 11th Very cold m'g ' ev'g - flying clouds - w'd N.W. We thrashed oats. Henry & Joseph entered the school of Miss Webster & brother. Erastus went to Shaftsbury. Melissa & Lydia to Harvey's.







Dec 1820 39 TUESDAY, 12 Clear but really cold - particularly m'g & ev'g.  
 Thrashed oats. Montague bro't a roll of cloth for us  
 from Leach's. M. & Lydia arrived from tayloring at Harvey's.  
 Leach C. Waters painted here.

Snow WEDNESDAY, 13 Rather stormy - little snow - cold. Father spent  
 Capt part of the day getting trimmings for his new gr't  
 Norton goat & other business. I went to capt N's to get our fann'g mill -  
 Maj'r talked with him on the execution of Andre to which he was an eye-witnes  
 Andre - instead of its being an affair of revenge, as Bisset would have it,  
 every American officer & soldier mourned and regretted it most affec-  
 tionately. Any man doubting the disposition of that author toward this  
 country will here find sufficient testimony to condemn him.

Montague THURSDAY, 14 Cloudy - growing moderate, - grew fair towards ev'g  
 Campbell Erastus tinkered the stove once more this m'g -  
 & Rogers remainder of the day I assisted him in rebuilding the chimney at the  
 F. Blackmer new store. William & Jonathan rode together to Hoosack in  
 the cutter. Perused Bisset again near the conclusion of the Am. War

Campbell FRIDAY, 15 Cold & snowy - snow increased considerably -  
 We thrashed spring wheat - 195 shieves, with horses  
 William Campbell left here & went to Conklins to live or to work.

Sp'g wh't SATURDAY, 16 Extremely, very horrid, or colder than usual. Fair  
 A. Robin- & fine, wind N.W. We winnowed about 7 bhls sp'g  
 son buys wheat - sold 1½ wint. and a like quantity of the former kind to A. Rob-  
 wheat. inson at 5/6 - p'd cash per Aaron D. Erastus got a parcel of leather  
 at B. Squire's. Jon. rode to & sp't ev'g at uncle George's.

SUNDAY, 17 Clear & cold. Finished reading Bisset - 1st Vol.

Bedf MONDAY, 18 Moderate. Good sleigh'g for the quantity of snow.  
 Uncle Sam & Maj'r I. Haynes killed 2 beeves - both  
 cows - Old Brock & Litt. Bug - the former 14 past, the latter 3 yrs &  
 past - the first weighing 668 - the 2d 516 lbs - of the latter E. Waters  
 rec'd 208 lbs at 42 pr lb - next day sold a hind quarter - 106 lbs to  
 Hiram Hull on Frost's acc't at 4 cts pr lb. Borrowed 2d Vol of Bisset,  
 Geog 3d.

Dec 1820 40 TUESDAY, 19 Thawy, misty - a large thaw was expected - went to  
 mill, - had mare shod at Frost's and agreed with E.  
 Waters for his horse to go to Troy if the weather should permit - sold  
 12 lbs butter to Fassett at 0/9 - rec'd cash.

Woodpile WEDNESDAY, 20 Another moderate thawy day - cloudy - we partially  
 covered the woodpile with boards - had but 3  
 out 5 double courses of dry wood on hand - Business consisted chiefly  
 Lost of choaring. P.M. went to mill - had to wait for grist - saw an old  
 property bag there marked "P.H.", the initials of the late Peter Harwood - sent  
 there by Stodard Merchant of Pownal - our property which had strayed  
 Murphy away. Saw J. Murphy at his house.







THURSDAY, 21st      Moderate & quite warm towards night - but stormy in the ev'g. We choared all day, shutting up hogs &c.  
 Hogs shut up.      We've visited town to get uncle Sam tomcome down to saw up our beef - but could not on account of straining mutton tallow for Mr Wallace.  
 Frost      Assisted Frost in setting up wid. Gov. R's V.D. Spiegle stove the oven door of which he had to hang a new. Too late to read much when I re-  
 Bisset      turned - had Bisset's 2d Vol. in tow

FRIDAY, 22d      Vermont Thanksgiving. High, dry & cold N.W. wind.  
 Thanksgiving      Mr Goodale & lady from Salem N.Y. came to assist at Thanksgiving. Mr Peters preached a sort of Historical Discourse.  
 Goodale      Besides our regular family there were present at supper, Mr Goodale & lady & aunt Theodocia. Damia attended a ball at Fassett's - Jno Rogers  
 Dimmick      rode with B. Loomis to Algiers - Dimmick had sleigh & horses here to convey himself & family to his father's in Pownal - to accommodate Rog-  
 Enoch Birders sent back young Nancy and rec'd Parsons' old mare in her stead on J. Rogers R's acc't. On Tuesday morning - 19 - Mr Bird left here for W. Rutland on horse b'k. On Wednesday - 18 - Mr Crosby of Wilmington rec'd about 13 bhls grain of J. Rogers towards work.

SATURDAY, 23d      A most severe cold morning - fair & fine till tow'd night, then became cloudy. Boss Goodale & lady  
 Goodale      after paying a fine visit went home - we drew some wood & tended cattle  
 Wood

*Oliver Perry*  
 Dec 1820      Died at his residence on the Turnpike road in Woodford on the      inst  
 41      Mr Oliver Perry in the 52d year of his age. Buried this day in Masonic order.

Company      A little party assembled here this evening - J. Rogers, H. Waters, E. Montague and N. Robinson - on the psrt of the gentlemen - the ladies were Ab. Godfrey, Mrs Whitney, C. Godfrey & Em. Robinson.

Horse race      In Algiers a notable horse race took place this P.M. between 2 studs owned by S. Walbridge Jun on the one part and Mr Race on the other. The ground extended from Dewey's to Safford's bridge - the former was the successful candidate.

The Contrast      While the youth were dancing at Fassett's, the elderly people with a select few less in years but not less in piety held a religious meeting at Cushman's.

SUNDAY, DEC'R 24th      Quite a snow storm from the S. - calm P.M. Ev'g wd N.W. - cold. Wrote Journ'l - and copied a piece of  
 H. Waters      of bungling poetry manufactured by J. Rogers & H. Waters. Uncle Sam  
 poetry      cut up beef here - Mother was ill.  
 Robinson

MONDAY, DEC'R 25th      Intensely cold this m'g - clear day - very cold night. Our steady business was threshing rye.  
 Cash to      S-Pickett In town paid \$3. in cash to S. & Pickett - rec'd in goods 00.21" - From Letter fr the P.O. bro't a letter to Lydia from cousin Ruth - dated Paris, Dec'r  
 R. Harwood      3rd - was married in October 1819 to a Mr Tremain a widower having 4 sons & a daughter and another of the latter sex was added to their number in July 1820 - Intended to visit us in Jan next - wished me to write Denio respecting what was due her for a bureau (See Alphabet - art. Denio) - Forwarded friendly (to) compliments to all.  
 Hay      Hay scrape at Hinman's - between Hinman, J. F. Billing & T. Hathaway -  
 scrape      Parsons & Dimmick witnessed it - all sdtled amicably.

TUESDAY, 26th.,      Very cold m'g - Grew moderate in course of the day. Thrashed rye.







WEDNESDAY, 27th., Extremely cold m'g - fine handsome day - very little  
 Rye w'd - cld night. Winnow more than 24 bbls rye - the  
 last of our threshing the pres't season. Ev'g strained tallow. Girls  
 Visits rode to uncle Sam's - Damia staid.

Jan 1821 THURSDAY, DEC'R 28 Atost cruelly cold in the morning - cldy & smky -  
 42 wind S. - commenced a hard storm 12 at night.  
 Fibished winnowing rye of which there was  $21\frac{1}{2}$  bbls - this added to the  
 Rye whole amounted to about 62 bbls.  
 Settlement Commenced threshing sp'g wheat. Evening settled with aunt Theodo-  
 with cia respecting clothing received of her in July 1815 which had been worn  
 Theodasia by uncle Ira in his life time - the am't was agreed to be \$36. from  
 which deduct \$7. paid in wool, cloth-dressing &c left due her \$28.  
 Mr House drew wood for J. Rogers.  
 Perused Bisset about Hastings & Dutch aff'rs - 1787.

FRIDAY, 29th Rainy from the South - poured hard in the eve'g -  
 Fire wind changed N.W. - cleared up cold - Thursday eve'g  
 W Campbellsaw the light of a school house burnt in Shaftsbury. Had 4 horses on  
 & E Conklinthe floor treading out spg wh't. Eve'g Edwin Conklin & Wm Campbell /  
 came here & staid all night.

SATURDAY, 30th Cold, cloudy, & very slippery - icy in roads & else-  
 Sp wheat where. Compleated thrashing sp'g wh't. H.Waters  
 H.Waters visited here this eve'g. Mr House drew more wood for Rogers.  
 Mr House Henry bro't Damia from uncle S's.

SUNDAY, 31st., In a degree cloudy - P.M. moderate & mildbut C8d at  
 Letter to at night. Wrote a letter to A. Denio of Rupert for  
 A.Denio cousin Ruth to request him to pay the demand mentioned V. 4 p. 148  
 Bisset Perused Bisset on the Russo, Austro war of 1787-8. H. Waters & Andrew  
 A.DeBar DeBar staid here this night.

MONDAY, JAN'Y 21, 1821 A middling snug winter day, tho' P.M. it seemed  
 Sp wheat considerably pleas't.  
 Fodder, We winnowed & measured up about 16 bushels sp'g wheat. As to fodder  
 stock &c - the corn stalks, which were well preserved, lasted till about the  
 end of the year - had straw enough on hand to be equal to the quantity  
 of hay that had been devoured in the barn. - the horse barn exclusive,  
 half a stack besides. All in good order among the stock.  
 A statement will be exhibited, p. 43 of stock debts &c.  
 J.Rogers J. Rogers this day conveyed lydia & Damia to Mr Godfrey's on a visit  
 Mr House & party there. Mr H. had drawn Jon. a fine wood-pile.  
 Eve'g perused Bisset on the confusion subsequent to the King's ill-  
 ness - 1788.







Jan 1821	Stock possessed by B. Harwood, Jan'y 1st., 1821 \$.....	
43	Estimated at Spring prices \$	Debts against B.Har'd \$.....
	2 Oxen .....60.00	S.Brown's estate ..... 242.28
	2 Bulls ..... 20.	E. Montague for goods ..... 11.
	2 Steers ..... 26.	D.Robinson Sen'r ..... 28.
	12 Cows @ \$18. ....216.	do for land ..... 8.
	4 Yearling heifers at \$10.. 40.	S.Waters' Note, 1817 ..... 13.
	5 Calves at \$5. .... 25.	S & Pickett, estima'd ..... 30.
27	<u>387.</u>	N.Swift, estimated ..... 80.
	Horses.	L.Leach, Clothier ..... 14.
	1st Young Nancy ..... 50.	Wid'o Theodosia ..... 29
	2nd Flag O'True ..... 50.	Melissa Street ..... 7.
	3rd Old Nancy ..... 25.	Mr Race, Stud ..... 5.
	4th Young Jenny ..... 45.	Ab. Peters' tax ..... 8.
	5th Magnum, Yearling ..... 12.	State & Town do est'd ..... 15.
	<u>182.</u>	Young Minister Society ..... 1.50
	35 Sheep at \$1.50"..... 52.50	S. J. Hendryx ..... .25
	7 Swine, including 6 yrlg pig35.	Rich'd Carpenter ..... .50
	<u>626.50</u>	<u>494.01</u>
	Deduct gr't debts ..... <u>432.00</u>	Debts in favor of B.H.
	<u>194.50</u>	O.C.Merrill acc't ..... 37.54
		D. Clark ..... 18.75
		B.Squire ..... 4.80
		N.F.Champney ..... .92
		All to be pd in cash ..... 62.01
		Gr't Debts ..... <u>494.01</u>
		Cr due B.H. .... <u>432.00</u>

Jan 1821 TUESDAY, JAN'Y 2d Wind had blown hard in the night, pretty calm all  
44 this day but became very cold at night - wind N.W.  
We placed 4 horses on to 330 shieves winter wheat flung down at turce -  
Winter whtthe last 130 right upon the other without taking off straw. Mr House  
Mr House came up with more wood for Jon. S.Loomis & his sister Sally called  
Sam here to see Melissa. Capt Axtell arrived from Wilmington - staid all  
Loomis's night.

WEDNESDAY 3rd Very cold all day - air full of frost - winnowed 14  
Winter wheat bhls winter wheat - worked hard too. Capt A. rode  
J.Rogers off to White C'k. Jona & Chat went to Moore's, Pownal - had g'y mare &  
P.Robin- Chat's cutter - Polly Robinson cheated herself out of a ride home which  
son was engaged next day - She would not wait but walked home this day.

THURSDAY, 4th., Cloudy, icy & Cold. Settled acc'ts at S. & Picketts  
Dr exceeding \$40. - Credit exceed'g \$37. - for the  
past year due S. & P. \$2.85" - balanced by note - then had interest  
reckoned on note given last year to Pickett, which am'td to \$1.69" - the  
principal had been reduced from ~~27~~ 37 to \$23. & upw'ds. Saw there Fran  
F.Buck cis Buck Sr, pensioner, & daughter lately mar'd. In my absence Mr Haff  
W.Haff paid us a visit. Eve'g read through the dire business between the Emp-  
Bisset eror Joseph & the Aust'n Netherlands. Hill of Pownal rode home with me  
Hill from town - lived at the Pierce place.







FRIDAY, 5th., Clear sharp cutting cold - wind N.W. Went to L.Norton's - settled accounts about cider - found due for L.Norton brandy 18 bbls & 26 gs cider, 37½ gals & 1 pt brandy - had rec'd 2 gs which settl'mt left due 35½ - now rec'd 30½ measured by Luman in his cellar - James J. Buck Buck was there & got 1 g do - Went to town - carried 24½ lbs cheese Pickett to Pickett - paid \$1.32 in cash and took up the little note given on S. the 4th - Called at Col Norton's & at Frost's - at the latter place saw Wadsworth Mr Sam Wadsworth who told how highly he & his lady prized music - At the Col's saw Heman Robinson getting a new cutter ironed. J.Rogers Eve'g posted books for Jon. Rogers.

SATURDAY, 6th Very cold & cloudy - likely for snow. A piece of cast iron sleigh was broken and mended again - capt Hills drilled 2 holes for 8". A. Norton put them on.

Jan 1821 on - had 2 new bolts to make - We visited B.Squires' but did not see 45 him - had business at Frost's - ordered him to mend the old cutter - thus ended a day which father began by boldly attempting to go to mill, but breaking the sleigh shoe, failed - returned & unloaded & accomp'd me as above. Ev'g read of the Fr. Revolution.

SUNDAY, JAN'Y 7th Blue, cold & cloudy. No going to meeting from this on account of roughness of weather & want of a suitable mode of conveyance. H.Waters, E.Montague & B. Loomis left here at night. H.W. & Jona. agreed to swap suits. I was busy writing most of the day. A contribution for the Missionary Society was to take place for missioneries this day.

MONDAY, JAN'Y 8th Clear, calm & pleas't tho' cold morning. Moderate through the day. Rode to mill & to aunt Hanna's with bag yard - she informed me that in consequence of 1 of her flock having been mangled by a dog she lost it and wanted we should bring over one of ours to make up her loss - I engaged so to do, but it must not be understood that we meant to let her have it without pay - she intimated nor meant no such thing. Frost mended and new shod the old cutter. Eve'g father & myself settled accounts with Elisha Waters who was ill with a bile on the backside Albany - I had the writing to do while he lay on the bed giving necessary orders and furnishing papers & books for the prosecution the business in hand. All the Marsh business was looked up and put with his accounts - and we put in with ours a note which he gave us at our last settlement, Feb'y 2d 1820, but excluding a charge of \$4.00 against our ladies from the settlement, found due him \$5.90 - balanced books after particularly specifying the ladies affairs. in W's book. His whole demand previous to settlement exceeded \$53. - H.DeBar gave him a note for \$5.90 to balance. Henry in attempting to bring the bad luck cutter from Frost's or say in going after it, for it was not finished, he had the ill luck to break harness & whip.

Jan 1821 TUESDAY, Jan'Y 9 Calm, moderate & cloudy. - snowed faintly at night. 46 In town had harness mended at J.Hicks - price 25" - made business at the printing office - they gave me some mail papers - I borrowed others - Agreed with Col Merrill to pay the balance due Mr Peters on account of salary - bo't 1 qt cherry wine at S. & Pickett's -







Axe by Frost bro't an axe from Frost's, new laid - Rode in cutter from F's to perform this great day's business. Eve'g E. Fay Jun came up to see if he could buy our great bay colt, but we could not spare him.  
 E. Fay Jr  
 H. Waters Hiram Waters came to tarry with us over night - quite lively & Funny.

WEDNESDAY, 10th Fair and fine, but very cold morning - tolerably so all day - wind N.W. - it was S. the day previous.

Swift & P. Rode to town with mother - bo't goods at S. & Pickett's to the am't of Fem 54" - due there \$1.04" - Called at capt Robinson's where mother carried in & deposited with wid'o Catherine Robinson agent of the Female Juvenile Society, 3 prs of socks and 50" in cash - she gave credit for the same & by request erased their names from the roll. Capt R. & I amused ourselves looking at the Plan of London while the aforesaid business was in agitation. P.M. the new laid axe was ground. Ev'g Jona. went to Algiers. E. Fay had an errand here after a pr of small shoes mended by Parsons.

THURSDAY, 11 A thaw was strongly expected, cloudy, chilly, w'd S.

Wood We chopped down & prepared a large limby beech for drawing sledding which grew a few feet S. of the hither brook where it enters Sheep sold the ground, close by the Robinson line. Carried to aunt Stephen an elderly sheep for which we charged 50" - agreed with cousin Stephen to Sap pail contract make for us 50 sap pails at 20" to be paid in grain & potatoes - the former at 50" - the latter 25" pr bush'l - payment to be made between S. Harw'd this & next spring - When I returned home found I was too hasty - had not got grain to spare - next day father went over & had the term of payment extended so the bargain stood. Bro't grist from mill.

Ball - A Ball was held at capt Hills - violin & flute for music - Damia Algiers attended - came home before 10 ev'g - H. Waters paid us a visit this H. Waters night - partly sick.

Jan 1821 47 FRIDAY, JAN'Y 12 Dry, cold & cloudy - wd W. Had oxen shod in a frame at Frost's - Strange & Fisher nailed them on - Alvin Rand'll was waiter - A Shaftsbury man bro't F. a load of coals. Frost Father & Mother rode to cousin Stephen's. Dr Swift came down this ev'g Oxen shod to see if he could get us to sign for the new academy in agitation at Academy this crisis, but we refused on account of our embarassed situation. subsc's Father entered his sixtieth year - being the first living male or female B.H. birth child born in Bennington. day.

SATURDAY, 13th Fore part of the day rather moderate, but grew cold fast P.M. & ev'g - snowed slowly from 11 till late

Wood P.M. We drew up 4 loads of wood from behind the rocks near the place B. Loomis mentioned p. 46 - Bliss Loomis was here at Jon's - assisted taking off Mrs Duncan one load. Mrs Duncan & her son Miran paid us an P.M. visit. Mr Kent had old Nancy & cutter to carry his lady & family on a visit to Mr Rudds - West part. This evening we settled acc'ts with friend Montague whose Mr Kent charges on book were to the am't of \$21.64" - to which he added a settle Montague set'ment note of \$19.21" - total \$40.85" - We exhibited on our part for various items \$14.93" to which was added 26 wks board at \$1.50 - \$39.00 - in all \$53.93 leaving a balance in our favor of \$13.08 for which he gave his note, but afterwards we arranged business so as to give this back and say even, upon his exonerating us from paying cash for cloth bo't by Lydis p. 25 Our settlement, I think, was friendly, fair & Satisfactory - tho' in some parts so situated that no accurate account could







be made, which we mutually flung together in to the shade of eternal oblivion. Melissa was at work here.

M.Street  
Rogers  
Parsons  
H.Waters

SUNDAY, L\$ 14      Very cold with a light fall of snow & frost., all day  
Wrote Journal & such like business. Jonathan & Parsons rode to Hoosack - returned in the eve'g - had one of Hicks' horses - J. bo't a new large chip bonnet which he afterward gave to Sally.  
Damia & Erastus attended meeting. H.Waters tarried here at night.

Jan 1821 48      MONDAY, JAN'Y 15      Extremely cold, fair, wind N.W. Drew 3 loads of wood from the hill W. of the Gulph, with the last got stuck but by lifting hard fetched her off without much ado.  
Wood drawing      Indeed the wood was hard to be got at in this quarter - most of it had to snake out, but its quality compebsated for these trials in some degrees, being hard maple & beech - of the former a tolerably large tree was blown down on the 17. Jan. 1820. Except Tuesday we were every day this week employed in getting wood - all from the above place except 3 loads from the S. psrt of the old sugar place on Saturday.  
S.Robinson & lady      Three loads constituted a days work. This eve'g uncle Sam & aunt S paid us a very agreeable visit - we talked of government &c.  
H.DeBar & J.Harw'd      Henry & Joseph commenced going to school to Freeborn Johnson, S. School house this day.  
Fodder or Hay      Our fodder, we began to think, not sufficient for the season, as we should be glad to feed our stock - the 2 mows in the barn contained all the hay on hand & of this a considerable quantity had been destroyed - the stack had been gone about a week since - had a pretty good supply of straw & during this even course of dry cold weather the cattle ate it well.  
Dry wood      The dry wood was reduced to 2 double courses on the E. side which might contain 7 cords, & a remnant on the W. side perhaps sufficient to last us 8 or 10 days - since Oct. we had burnt so much of the square pile then described & about 3 lds of other wood besides.

TUESDAY, 16      Dry, sound freezing weather - flying cl'ds from N.  
Mr Kent      Mr Kent put in a sled beam. In town bo't of H.Robinson & paid cash for 8 lbs brown sugar at 13" and some little cotton floss  
Goods bo't amount'g in full to \$1.10" Bo't at S. & Pickett's 1 g. molasses &c paid in full 65" - Visited the printing office - saw Solomon with M. L. Selden working the press. Borrowed Intelligences of Col Merrill & came home. David Worthington came to pay us a welcome visit. Withba note which he held against D. D. Conklin he bo't one of J.Hicks' Jun'r horses. Hiram Waters again spent the night here - was very lively - he, Jon & David had a little spree dancing together - I played for them

Jan 1821 49      WEDNESDAY, JAN'Y 17      We had lived through a tremendous cold night - the day was more moderate - cloudy - P.M. snowed slowly  
Eve'g read Eustis' speech against the admission of Missouri - good.  
Politics      Mr Ch's Rich's propositions in favor of manufactures & the accompanying address which were plain & patriotic - also perused the conclusion of Q. Carolines' Trial, Nov 10 1820

THURSDAY, 18      Most extremely cold & blue - clouds thin - wd sharp fr N. E. Montague, H.Waters, Lydia & Damia made a party in Hicks' sleigh/ equipt with buffalo skins, drawn by good hor-







Expeditioners, well harnessed strung with bells to go Jackson, Salem & other places N.Y. P.M. the company of Mrs Gleason, Mrs Bliss, Mrs Hinman, Mrs Company Parsons and Mrs Waters was rec'd by our ladies. Jon. first tried young Colt broke Flag o'True in the harness besides young Nancy - performed tolerably well J.Rogers

FRIDAY, 19 Less cold than on the 18 - but still it was blue & by no means thawy - sun shone out a little. Jona went abroad with the colt - settled acc'ts with his friend Dexter and found himself indebted to him 00.30" - being about \$16.00 on a side. J.Rogers  
Mr Kent In the eve'g settled acc'ts with friend Kent - \$6.76 were charged to him - gave him credit \$3.84 - leaving a balance in our favor of \$2.92" - Jan'y 7 - 26 Found more credit due Mr K. settled with

SATURDAY, 20th A tolerably cold morning, but became moderate toward noon - sun shone out - fair all the P.M. - wind & lady blew hard in a few instances in the course of the day. Esquire Harvey Mrs S Dewey & his lady & Mrs P. Dewey & paid us a real good visit. He related that fishes might be taken out of the water in freezing weather - that immediately congealing and being packed in snow could be carried any distance, if properly preserved, & on putting them into their proper element or if thawed would be restored to life. He also informed us that Frozen fishes  
Fat Ox. a monstrous fat ox had lately been removed from Deerfield to Boston which was valued at upw'd of \$600 - raised by Col Stebbins of the former place - he was conveyed in a mobavle stable drawn by several yoke of cattle - they took a number of dollars by way of exhibition.

Jan 1821 He likewise gave an account of another wonderful ox raised in Connecticut, but much inferior to the other in every respect, however the man who purchased him (living in Boston) amassed a fortune by him, through every stage in which he exhibited him - the price of this was \$500. 50  
Great Ox Mr H. made company very lively. Parsons was here. Charles Norton bro' Parsons  
M.Street Melissa here - she went away soon without staying long.

SUNDAY, JAN'Y 21st Snowed lightly from thin clouds - Not very cold. Read Bisset on Fr. Revolution - wrote Jour'l -  
T.Hills Turner Hills was married to Miss Delia Hubbell - Jan'y 17 - They are married both in the bloom of life - the former in his 22d year

MONDAY, 22d Moderate & warm till toward eve'g - then grew cold - wind sharp S.W. - cloudy A.M. Young folks ret'd E.Montague  
H.Waters from making a pleasant visit in Jackson & Salem N.Y. S.Waters was one of the party - they saw Worthy & his lady - the former was confined in Salem jail for debt. We were unfortunate and got but 2 loads of wood.

TUESDAY, 23rd., Moderate till past mid-day - late P.M. became very blustering - grew cold fast - snow flew badly - cl'dy all day. Went to Algiers with colt & young Nancy - got a grist B.Squires at the mill for Mr Kent - called at B.Squires' & rec'd one of our calf skins - they were not all finished - he had drawn together a fine quantity of clay & other materials for erecting vats, stone &c. for building next season. Spent some time on C. house hill - at the printing office & at Col M's - Borr'd Washington paper.







Cold WEDNESDAY, 24th A most terrible cold day - clear - strong wd N.W.  
 Frost's Father got horses shod at Frost's - which made up  
 our day's work, tho' it was done before noon or thereabouts.

Dimmick Dimmick bro't the fanning mill from Dr Swift's.  
 E. Montague Erastus, who on the 23rd worked at hauling down timber for build-  
 ing Dewey Hubbell's house, this day went to Arlington with E. Waters to  
 draw thence a ld of boards and

Jan 1821 bargain for more. T. Hills held his 3rd day wedding at his brother's in  
 51 Arlington - the Nortons & others attended - the weather notwithstanding  
 Norman Norman Norton had our cutter to ride to Hinsdill's Factory - froze  
 Norton his face slightly. Henry rode out with Parsons to buy hay - unsucces-  
 Hay ful - that article was at this time accounted scarce - sold at \$10 pr  
 School ton. A difficulty arose in Johnson's school - which was afterwards  
 affairs. amicably settled. Hiram Waters tarried with us this night.

Cold THURSDAY, JAN'Y 25 Most intensely cold had been the night & it remained  
 S Loomis mild - toward night. Read Bisset & newspapers. Sam Loomis bro't some  
 shoes to get mended by Jona - he talked of taxes - ministers &c. did not  
 Dry wood approve of bestowing much on the Juvenile Society. Broached the remain-  
 H. Waters ing pile of dry wood - containing 6 or 7 cords. H. Waters here again  
 with his staff-flute - say this last on the 26.

FRIDAY, 26th Cloudy & moderate - wind S.W. Chopped in woods.  
 S. Scott S. Scott in the morning made merriment for us by his  
 eloquent manner in speaking of the Rev'd Mr P. & his salary - was a  
 signer, but did not put his name to the Explanation paper - the signers  
 of which he said were 9 miles higher than those on the other d'c.  
 H. Waters H. Waters here again.

Snow SATURDAY, 27th Snowed heavily about 2 hours A.M. after which re-  
 mained cloudy & warm through the day - w'd S.W.

J. Rogers Drew wood with 2 teams - J. Rogers drove young Nancy & colt - went 8 lds  
 H Waters - the oxen 4 - H. Waters chopped - father assisted - Henry lent a hand  
 H. DeBar at unloading &c. Erastus continued getting timber - had the oxen on  
 A. Denio Friday in that service. Mr Ariel Denio called here & left a woolen  
 blanket to pay to cousin Ruth if she should come & accept the same to-  
 ward the bureau alluded to p. 42

SUNDAY, 28th., Mild & cloudy - Wrote Journ'l - read Bible & Bisset  
 Mrs Duncan Mrs Duncan & sons called here on their way from  
 Hoosack. Warm.

Wood MONDAY, 29th., Fine warm day - thawy. Wood was drawn by Jonathan  
 Rogers & Henry & Henry - the former with 7 loads - the latter 5,  
 having oxen. Kent & Montague chopped - the former for Rogers. Sawed  
 some wood for Parsons in the m'g then went into the woods.



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Feb 1821 TUESDAY, JAN'Y 30 Tolerably pleas't - warm indeed. Father & Kent chop  
52 ped & I drew 5 loads of wood. K. on R's acc't.

Thaw WEDNESDAY, 31st Cloudy, very warm - sleighing spoiled. Wind at nigh  
Sleighing night extremely high from S.W. Two loads of & part  
Finish of a sleigh load of chips compleated drawing 46 loads wood. Nearly all  
drawing of it beech & maple - several loads were cut west of the Gulph - 4 above  
wood. the rocks by the hither brook, but the greater part in the S.E. quarter  
of the old Sugar place.

Sleighing THURSDAY, FEB'Y 1st The sleighing, which had been for a long time remark  
ably good, considering the scantiness of snow, was  
now compleatly spoiled, particularly in this quarter - the thaw was a  
most rapid one, unaccompanied by rain - but little snow was left. Ground  
in the woods generally unfrozen at this date. A change of weather comme  
menced this eve'g - ground became solid by 9 in the eve'g. Cloudy & dry  
all day, clear at night. Regulated ground for piling wood &c.

Ball at Eve'g was a spectator at Fassett's of a Ball - they had a flute &  
Fassetts violin - the musicians performed tolerably, in some instances very well  
- the flute had belonged to the 15th Reg't - was at Litt York in Upper  
Canada . Gentlemen & ladies appeared well - talked with N. Edgerton re-  
specting H.A.Fay. Borrowed a paper of Col Merrill - returned home before  
Montague 10 - Erast invited Dr Swift to see about the academy.

FRIDAY, 2nd., Cloudy & very windy from the S. Thrashed corn all  
Dimmick day - had about 30 bhls - lent Dimmick  $1\frac{1}{2}$  bhls -  
Corn his boy carried it to mill - Read Bisset at night.

SATURDAY, 3rd., Cold & cloudy all day. Went to mill & visited  
Cash recd town - sat in Col Merrill's office awhile - borrow  
Champney ed papers - rec'd in full of Champn'y for wheat pr Montague 00.92".  
Taft still Friday Ev'g Taft's still was consumed to ashes. H.Waters tarried  
burned. here this night - full of glee. Bo't of J. Hicks 2 corn brooms at 20"  
H.Waters a piece on J. Rogers acc't.

Feb 1821 Mr Kent & father got out 8 lbs flax. The S. half of the E. hay mow  
53 was now devoured - this made us 10 days in arrear of what we had one  
year since.

SUNDAY, FEB'Y 4th Very drizzling - thick clouds - inclined to rain  
Johnson's from S.E. - moderate - Wrote Journ'l & read John-  
Lives son's Lives. Evening finished reading Bisset - which I commenced on  
Bisset the 14th of Oct. last. H.Waters staid here nearly all day.  
H.Waters Jona. went to Algiers on the old business.

MONDAY, 5th., Low fog - still air all the morning - the fog grad  
ually arose till the mountains became visible -  
trees on them were covered with a white frost - remained all day blue,  
chill & gloomy - wind P.M. N. - Weather, we tho't like that of New  
Woodpile Foundland. Commenced cutting & sawing up the wood-pile. Dr Swift came  
J.Rogers here to see Mother - looked for, & found canker root. Jona settled  
B.Loomis acc'ts in town - eve'g rode away with B. Loomis. This eve'g read John-  
son on Milton.







TUESDAY 6 Fine but cold morning - soon clouded over - alternately cloudy & clear, cold & temperate - we called it March weather. Pursued the business commenced above - Kent & Dimmick got out 31½ lbs flax. Near night carried to Frost 2 bbls potatoes - had J. Hicks Jr wood saw filed by Sears. At F. Blackmer's new store rec'd of J. Hicks Jr \$2.00 in full for cider. Played some on Frank's flute - Uncle Gid Randall, E. Rudd, Frost, H. Waters & others were present. Eve'g read Johnson's view of Paradise Lost - grand & good. Jon. settled more of his acc'ts. Melissa Street made a short & fleet visit here this day.

WEDNESDAY, 7 Snowed from S.W. lightly forenoon - wind afterwards veered to N. and snowed more, but all only barely made the ground white. Continued working at the wood-pile. Robinson came to see us - enquired about a clay-bed on his land W. of this - talked of lines &c. Mention was also made of land at the S.W. corner of the young orchard which our deed does not cover, but which he said should be measured off to us before long. Our young ladies

Feb 1821 Lydia, Sally & Damia visited at Waters' - M. Street & R. Bliss present.  
54 Jona. went to King Barney's 2d day wedding. Perused Johnson on Waller. H. Waters tarried here.

THURSDAY, FEB'Y 8 Keen blasts from N. - flying clouds - Worked at the wood. Before night visited town. Saw Merrill respecting Jonathan's law suit with Conklin. Jon. & Hi lay in bed late this morning - went to town & played all day. Hiram supped and then returned back to town. Cousin Sam Robinson was visited by L. Lyman in a hard way.

FRIDAY, 9 Wind S. all day - snowed at night. Worked at the woodpile. The Loomises were drawing wood for Parsons. Jon. did some work. Caroline Waters paid us a visit.

SATURDAY, 10 High, chilly wind from N.W. Finished cutting the first part of our woodpile, except the top or small part. Parsons paid his respects here the A.M. Ev'g Henry with one h. wagon carried Dama to Uncle S's and returned with aunt Theodosia & another V. of Johnson.

SUNDAY, 11 Thawy all or most of the day - at night from S. Mr Fisher bro't over down a new hammer made at Frost's - tre ated him according to his expectation. Parsons, Dimmick & B. Loomis visited us in course of the day - much was said respecting Conklin & Jon's dispute. C. refused to give up Rogers' note which was signed by the latter in Oct. in consideration of D. Worthington's hire - but he had a balance due him on book account with Conklin which amounted to more than the note - and this he wanted to turn in against it and call even - but C. refused doing it - saying Rogers must receive his pay in leather and pay the cash on the note to him. There was a written agreement between them which literally gave Conklin no such advantage as he proposed. Exact justice would have given R. what he at first demanded and perhaps more. He now concluded to leaving to a course of law. Eve'g Jona. visited Algiers. H. Waters here.







Feb 1821 Gid. House paid us a visit this eve'g. Erastus looked over his accounts  
55 to himself. I perused Johnson's Lives to Lydia.

MOMDAY, FEB'Y 12 Warm & Muddy - rainy A.M. - clear P.M. wind S. Main  
business at the woodpile. Father assisted Erastus  
Clay-bed examine ground west of the rocks on Gen Robinson's land to find a clay  
bed - they concluded they had discovered one. P.M. Erastus assisted at  
chopping. Eve'g Montague, Rog's and myself visited town - the business  
Conklin. respecting Conk. was put in train. Borrowed Intelligencer in which was  
Speech. a good speech delivered by mr Williams of N.C. H.Waters came home with  
H.Waters me on account of getting information of a certain affair.

TUESDAY, 13 After high wind from N.W. it was unpleas't & warm.  
Haff Again at the woodpile. Mr Haff came to see Rogers -  
they settled off all in harmony. Mr Conklin from this day dated his  
Conklins great fall - attachments came in from all quarters to a great amount.  
fall. Uproar & confusion continued around him all the week - his case  
sufficiently exemplified the folly of inordinate thirst after gain and  
boundless anticipation of means - let it be a sufficient warning to all  
new beginners.

WEDNESDAY, 14 Cloudy & frozen morn'g - hard wd from S.E. latter pt  
of the day snowed drivingly from that quarter - only  
Johnson a flurry. Worked some at the wood - and retired to books - Read in  
Lives Johnson of Savage the Poet - born in 1697 - died between 1740 & 44 - was  
persecuted & harassed by his cruel mother to the unhappy end of his  
Montague days. Erastus rode to Wilmington on a Hathaway chair chace.  
Read to the end of Williams' speech.

THURSDAY, 15 A dry E. storm held on all day. Father was unwell.  
B.Squires' Jon. & I rode out together, he having previously  
calf waited upon mother in that way - went to B. Squires' & rec'd as we sup-  
skins. posed, by the hand of G. Potter, our share of 5 calf skins. From F's,  
Z. K. Barney started with horse sled to accompany us into the upper  
street - exchanged places with Miss Gabey who was but poorly accommodated  
among the men aboard of Barney - Visited the hill - bro't Jona books  
Dean away - had a scraper made at Frost's - Eve'g read Swift's life in Johnson  
Swift - born 1667 - died 1744 -

Snow FRIDAY, 16 Chill E. w'd - no sleigh'g hardly, began heavy snow  
at night.

Feb 1822 Damia & I attended a large funeral at Esquire Perez Harwood's.  
56 No sermon was preached, but a short exhortation given by Mr Peters -  
prayers by him & Mr Matteson - the sermon was deferred till the Sabbath.  
Death of Miss Lucinda, the person who had died, was in her 18th year - of a spot-  
Lucinda less reputation and a sincere believer in the Scriptures. She exhibited  
Harwood. a singular instance of the most patient resignation.  
H.Waters H.Waters left here this morning. Borrowed 2d Vol. of Johnson

SATURDAY, 17 A heavy snow covered the ground - great prospect for  
good sleighing - Improved it by riding into town -  
Spent the P.M. at Merrill's, Hick's & D. Clark's. Merrill made out a  
Peace Warrant to capt Waters' who entered complaint against his son



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J.Hicks Elisha. At Hicks' found only the Gov. present. John was gone to warn the officers of the Reg't to meet to choose a Col. Rec'd horse blankets, J.Fassett got lines mended a little & came home. J. Fassett Esq'r came to visit us - talked of the Niagara country - the Falls - rattle snakes &c.

SUNDAY, 18 High N.W. wind - air full of snow. A sleigh load of souls went from this to church and heard Mr Peters on the death of the young lady above mentioned. Perused Johnson respecting the good old Dryden who was born in 1631 - was generally in poverty and died in 1702 - also the report of the committee appointed to enquire into the situation of our Pacific shores, Indian trade &c. Congress Report Uncle J. Fassett related his travels, mentioned anecdotes of the first settlers in this town and gave his undisguised opinion that general J.Fassett als Schuyler & St Clair were treacherous in giving up Ty. to Burgoyne.

MONDAY, FEB'Y 19 Fine morning - wind started up from S.W. and became thawy - Went to Troy with young Nancy and young Expedition to Troy horse. Bo't of D.Merritt & Son  $\frac{1}{2}$  ton  $\frac{1}{4}$  do & 6 lbs plaster & gave a note to pay Sept 1st., \$4.64" with a proviso that if paid within sixty days it should be rec'd the same as if paid down. Finding it grow very thawy resolved to drive immediately home - baited at Snyder's and arrived here about 4 next morning.

Feb 1821 57 TUESDAY, FEB'Y 20 Thrashed rapidly all day - wind very high S.W. - at night its direction changed to N.W. and froze up. Levi Smedley Uncle Levi Smedley dined here - had been up to see Hathaway - could get no pay - I rested all day - little was effected in any kind of business Kent & Dimmick On Monday Kent & Dimmick dressed flax here. Erastus brought his friend Atwood Spencer Atwood of Wilmington to board with us while chopping in gen. Robinson's woods.

WEDNESDAY, 21 Fine weather, wind N. - froze at night. Worked at the wood-pile. E.Fay staid with us 2 hours - went away at noon. H.Waters came to see us at night. Dimmick borrowed the H.Waters oxen to draw 2 loads of wood.

THURSDAY, FEB'Y 22 Hazy - thawed surface of the ground, w'd N. Again employed on the woodpile. Dimmick called as he was going to his father's. B.Loomis paid his respects to us awhile this day

FRIDAY, 23d Stormed hard in the morning from the S.E. - thawed surface of the ground - wind turned N. at night. Company training or election. The woodpile engrossed our attention in part. Dimmick & I went to Albany to assist Blackmer's company in choosing officers - they had accomplished the business in peace. Z. K. Barney, Lieut. Other officers I did not enquire out. Saw a family from over the Mt going to live at the big brick house once owned by Mathers. Came up to the Meeting house with Dimmick & B. Loomis - the latter accompanied me home. Had woodsaw filed by E.Waters. Jonathan settled in full with N.D.Conklin not, however, through his good disposition but by the good offices of the noble hearted Root of Albany who had now taken command there. Erastus completed his contract for building the academy. H.Waters tarried here all night. Read Johnson's Lives. The E. hay mow was all consumed as well as all the rest of the hay on that side of the barn - Cattle & horses good order.







Feb 1821 SATURDAY, FEB'Y 24 A smart cold day - wind N.W. Worked at the woodpile  
58 Kent & Dimmick dressed 36 lbs 5 oz flax. Erastus  
went away in great haste in the morning & returned with his famished  
Kent & horse which he bought of Conklin for a demand he held against him - had  
Dimmick now settled in full with that gentleman. Henry & other boys took a game  
Montague of ball here toward night.  
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SUNDAY, FEB'Y 25 Tolerably clear & very cold. Several of our family  
attended service. Sally & Damia came home at noon.  
H.Waters Wrote Journal, pricked tunes for H. Waters, perused newspapers and 2d v  
J's Lives Vol of Johnson's Lives - particularly the life of Addison whose charac-  
ter was about as unexceptionable as that of any of the poetical writers  
of whom Johnson gives an account. Altho' I am but partially acquainted  
with his excellent writings yet do I greatly venerate the name of Addi-  
son. No small difficulty occurred to me in these days to retain in mem-  
ory the most prominent parts of my reading, which since October had been  
bestowed chiefly on the Reign of George 111d, and the work just alluded  
to. It may be some excuse for a bad memory, that that portion of Eng-  
Memory lish History comprises so many extraordinary & multifarious events in so  
few years as to require an uncommon exertion of that faculty to form any  
thing like a systematic summary of the whole. Were I but 12 years of  
age my impression is that I would commit abridgements of geography,  
history &c to memory, the advantage of which would probably attend me  
thro' life. As it is, reading gives me peculiar satisfaction.

MONDAY, 26 Lost some time at & past mid-day looking for the oxen  
Blindness when I had been where they were & could not or did not  
distinguish them from our other cattle - went to Dr S's & returned  
across lots hunting for them; father before I got back, yoked & was draw-  
ing out logs with them - So much for being both heedless & blind.  
Montague Uncle Sam & Erastus worked at the clay bed till P.M. - then

Mch 1821 the former went home & the latter rode away ~~to~~ to see Sol Morse respect-  
59 ing the brick business. Freborn Johnson - school master - South School  
Johnson began boarding here. Jona Rogers & I held a conversation together on  
school- subjects as important as ghosts and apparitions.  
master.

TUESDAY, FEB'Y 27 Very high wind in the night & continued high & ex-  
tremely cold all day. Morse & Montague spent most  
Montague of the A.M. examining ground on gen. Robinson's & this farm to find a  
Brick place for making bricks - but not satisfied. P.M. went to Saff'd Robin-  
business. son's & there made a stand. Ev'g, after working at the woodpile, read  
J.Alvord of the Solar Sys<sup>tm</sup>. Julius Alvord of Wilmington, Vt., in quest of  
grain, staid with us.

WEDNESDAY, 28 A distressing storm of rain, snow & hail commenced  
from the S.E. which grew violent as night approached  
but abated in some measure after dark. Worked about half a day at the  
Dimmick woodpile. Dimmick for the use of oxen this day - cut walnut for bows &  
shaved out a pair of the ox-yoke. Looked over accounts with him, which  
Acc'ts on our part am'td to \$11.42<sup>n</sup> - his to \$9.59<sup>n</sup>. At night S.Alvord & Mon-  
tague came home together. Ev'g read Bigland on the grandeur of the  
Univer se. Perused Beauties of the Bible respecting Nehemiah's rebuild-  
ing Jerusalem







THURSDAY, MARCH 1st Continued raining hard by turns till noon- P.M.

cleared up warm - Ev'g a tremendous squall arose from N.W. which seemed to threaten dreadful effects, but I believe only prostrated a few fences - its duration was not long. Having written awhile - about noon visited town by way of V.D. Speigel's - he was feeding his poultry, mentioned that a duck among them had accidentally been confined a week without food - it was light but active - different I think from one of our frail species under like circumstances. Spent most of the P.M. at M. & Robinson's offices where it appeared that they had been doing probate business - Judge Fay was present & related many pleasing anecdotes. Esquire T. came in pretty drunk - talked foolish - asked Judge F. questions respecting Congress &c. alternately praised & retailed slander to him. The Judge spoke very highly of the fine abilities of Ezra Butler, member of Council

Mch 1821 Officers of our Reg't met to choose a Col & other officers - Lieut Tom Brownell promoted to the above named post - Major Brackenridge to Lieut Col - capt Scranton to the Majority - the first & last of Pownal the 2d Regiment'lof this town. Saw Dan'l Welch of Pownal a Sergt in Capt Cross' company election - Burlington, 1812. Erastus worked at his old business making broom handles. Called at capt Robinson's when I came from town, and borrowed 4th V. of Johnson - Ev'g read of Pope - He was a great, industrious, unhappy author. A few days since paid to S. Robinson Jun the balance of \$1.40 due him for goods in a 2 D. bill - the change I this day rec'd by the hand of F. Blackmer. Wm Barber, Petersburg, marr'd to Harriet Booth about this time.

FRIDAY, MARCH 2d Very windy, frozen & cold from N.W. We resumed our station at the woodpile. Erastus & Alvord went to Hathaway's woods N. of the court house chopping brick-kiln wood - did not return till Saturday night. Pursued our course of reading - Pope was born in 1688 of weakly constitution - died 1744. His powers were extraordinary as an author, but had many failings, more than I wish he had - such, however, do we find human nature.

SATURDAY, 3d Fair and P.M. quite warm - wind W. Father remained at the pile. I went to mill with 3 bbls winter wh't and 2 do rye - had it ground - had a broken wood-saw brazed which was bo't at Pickett's - V. 5 p. 127 - mended - at Jo Norton's by Aaron - it was filed by Waters. Visited the hill - got horse blankets fixed over - while he was doing this (I mean John) read some in a small Encyclopoedia in 4 V. mo. by Rev'd Harris. Saw Col Merrill & informed him that we should like to receive of him \$14.00 in May next - He was glad to be informed of it & promised to do it. Came home before sunset after spending the day doing errands &c. Henry was employed by Parsons with our team & cart to bring his hay & grain from B. Green's. Erastus came home at with his friend Smith of Salem, N.Y. and S. Alvord.

Wood saw mended

O.C. Merrill

Parsons Montague

Calf

A line back calf was now at the barn 4 days old - its dam of the same mark - called "Old Line" -

S. Barber died in Pownal on the 2d inst.







Mch 1821 61 At Merrill & R's office when I first entered, it appeared that they had either held or attempted to hold a justice's court there - Capt Hicks, Mr Pickett, S. Scott & others being present - Capt H. was playful & lively - soon went away to attend a preparatory lecture at the meeting house - the morrow being Sacrament day - Scott staid till after the others had withdrawn - expressed himself in his peculiar style on the depravity of F. Masons & Christians. We agreed that if a person had been a poor paymaster or even worse than that in his usual dealings among men before his conversion, according to our experience, it was no reason why we should trust him afterwards.

SUNDAY, MARCH 4 Tolerably pleas't but pretty cold - w'd N.

At Parsons' an infant female was ushered into existence - the 8th child since they were married - 4th daughter - making their surviving number 7. Parsons spent most of the morning here. The incident above, took place at an early hour. Father being ill was absent from church. Having finished my usual round of business - went to friend Luman's, but he was gone to Mr Sam Barber's funeral in Pownal - the masons buried him in their style - Saw Julius N., Andrew & H<sup>y</sup> Parsons playing in the barn-yard - Betsey Champney was left in the care of the house - borrowed an almanac which had in it a treatise on making butter. Ev'g read of Pope to Lydia. Jon. went to Pownal and saw Dewey Duncan married by Col Brownell to Miss Rachel Noble at E. Carpenter's in Pownal. Montague & Smith visited Algiers. H. Waters or his apparition was seen here this evening. It ought to have been mentioned on the 2d inst that a letter postmarked Feb'y 18 was rec'd from R. B. Stone of Kent No. Branford C't - all well.

Dimmick Mr Kent had got out flax here 3 3/4 days - Dim'k 3 do.

MONDAY, MARCH 5 Dry & very cold wind, high from N.W. - ground the mended saw & worked with it - went tolerably sleek.

Mch 1821 62 Read the life of Watts - a good man - born 1674 - died 1748 - Also that of Thomson - author of the The Seasons - b'n 1700 - died 1748 - Rogers & B. Loomis rode to town in wag. together. Henry went off with Rufus Downs. Erastus & Alv'd went to chopp'g on Hathaway's land. Joseph Smith returned to Salem - a mason by occupation. Parsons kept us company in the P.M. Dim'k bent bows P.M.

TUESDAY, MARCH 6 Extremely cold, harsh w'd N.W. Late in the morning commenced our usual business at the woodpile.

Forepart of the evening in town, got a number of papers - Found that the Missouri question had been over given by the folly of our northern members. At Clark's office played on the flute some & looked at the books. Saw Pope's poetical works - Paradise Lost &c. Called in at Dexter's & was accompanied home by H. Waters who afterwards played on my flute. Jona Rogers returned from H. Falls where he settled acc's with the Parsons who owed him about \$2.50 - the whole amount was more than \$80.00

Our young ladies - L. S. & D. - visited Mrs Dimmick, Mr Kent's brother in law Warren - wife & 6 children - horse & wag. halted at his house. Perused Johnson's Lives in the Eve'g.







WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7 Continued much like the 6th. Employed as usual in these days. Assisted at a little settlement between J. Rogers & H. Waters - the latter signed a note which I drew in favor of the former am'tg to \$5.93 which included their affairs up to a certain period at which commenced a different contract. Conklin came up & took away Chat's bark mill - which he borrowed for a few days. C. it was understood had money ready to pay off his creditors. Parsons paid his respects to us - Mr Batt also came from J's shop for the same purpose - talked with him about hiring Sam. Sally & Dama went to K's in the ev'g & saw the new comers. Jona & B. Loomis went to Algiers together - B Loomis returned by 10 at night - Was drily amused by reading life of Young - b Young-Ed. 1681 - died 1765.

Mch 1821 Sally & D Made out a list of names from which they desired Mrs P. to  
63 select such as she would wish to give her babe. She adopted "Jane Eliza  
My old saw, having been ground and set, ran well. Mrs Babb't called to  
Mrs Babb't settle accounts - Had wove to the am't of \$8.14 - our acc't including  
moroc, shoes, yet to be made, & 12 lbs lard, am'td to \$8.49.  
Hay Our hay was fed out in a very economical manner - we tho't the  
quantity would correspond with what it was the past year a week or ten  
H. Waters days later than the present. H. Waters went from here past noon.

THURSDAY, MARCH 8 Cold morning - continued dry & cold - good waggoning  
N. Lights Moob ran vdry high. Bright N. lights at night.  
Comet a comet was seen of late in the W. Again at the woodpile.  
Aunt H. Aunt H. Harwood rode here with Mrs Thayer - settled accounts with  
Harwood the former abd found ourselves indebted to her 9/6. She bro't with her,  
Caroline cloth for bags, which she had woven - 22 yds - 11/0.  
Parsons Sally & Dama visited Miss Caroline Parsons at P's.  
Mr Hinman Mr Hinman talked away most of the eve'g here.

FRIDAY, MARCH 9 Pleasant and not so cold as it had been/ We had put  
Wood up a block of wood cut stove-length measuring about  
15 c'ds - the last pile of the old wood yet remained comp't - broached on  
the 10th.  
At the court house a numerous audience including his reverence Mr P.  
attended to hear a lecture and witness experiments made by Mr Eaton in  
Chemistry Chemistry - all which he performed according to my judgment in a masterly  
Eliza & style - the science being new to me, I say no more of it.  
Lydia Norton Eliza & Lydia Norton paid our ladies a visit this eve'g.

SATURDAY, MARCH 10 Pleas't, mild & dry - gentle breeze N. Had horses  
Frost shod at Frost's - new wag. tongue put in by Kent  
assisted by Dimmick who P.M. took horses & wagg'n to go with his folks  
to his father's where they heard that their mother had been taken sudden-  
ly ill of the same fever which ended the days of the Barber's - K. did  
Kent other work, enough to am't to about half day - made a hammer handle &  
Dimmick cross-piece to saw frame.

Mch 1821 Preparatory to attempting the sugar making business borrowed 2 cider bbls  
64 of D. Clark - Called at Merrill & R's office - Uel was brushing up to go  
away - left me reading Chambers - Presently Colonel M. arrived from Pow-  
nal - said but a word or two to him and came away - Bridges was in while  
I was there. Presented or offered to present a small order from Parsons  
on Pickett which he would not accept. Eve'g read a little in Spaff'd on







H.DeBar chemistry & part of Gray's life in Johnson. H.DeBar spent the day ig  
 Montague playing ball & drumming. Erastus & Alv'd on Friday Eve'g returned from  
 chopping brick-wood on Hathaway's land - the former went to Arlington  
 Parsons this day, the latter resumed his job in gen. R's woods. Parsons rec'd  
 House & a visit from his friend Conklin & 2 other gentlemen. Mr J. House & and  
 Turner Mr A. Turner of Pownal were dangerously ill.  
 sick Cousin S. Harwood sent word that he could not make our sap-buckets  
 S.Harwood on account of his timber not being seasoned.

SUNDAY, MARCH 11th Rather cool in the m'g - some cloudy, moderate & n  
 muddy. Most of the day spent in writing. Father &  
 Mr House Erastus having returned from church visited Mr House whom they found  
 Montague some easier than he had been. Montague arrived here this morning late  
 from Waters'. Dimmick returned from Pown'l .

MOMDAY, MARCH 12 Warm, fine weather. We proceeded to tapping trees  
 Sugar on gen. R's land E. of Parson's lot and S. of the  
 casks brook - instead of buckets made use of earthern & tin pans - tin & wood-  
 en pails - cream-pots & brass kettles - making in all about 50 things -  
 before night gathered more than a  $\frac{1}{2}$  barrel of sap. Henry assisted all  
 H.DeBar day. Settled with him this ev'g - had received of us in various ways  
 settl'mt \$41.31 - to which adding 50" a week for board during 14 weeks - amount-  
 ed in all to \$48.31 - allowed him for 7 $\frac{1}{2}$  months labor at \$6. - \$45.00 -  
 Dr Swift leaving due us \$3.31. Dr Swift had his trees tapped by Dimmick -  
 Alvord Erastus pursued business abroad - Alvord stuck to his job - The cow  
 Young called Paddy had a fine red calf of the stronger sex. Perused Fishers'  
 calf speech on the army - very pleasing to mother - H. Waters came here this  
 ev'g

Mch 1821 TUESDAY, MARCH 13 Thawy, cloudy, deep mud in many places - wind S.  
 65 Attended mostly to sap works. Alvord attended to  
 his usual business. Freeborn Johnson closed his school. Waters & Eras  
 F.Johnson tus hired waggon and harness to draw stone with from the farm Hubbell  
 quarry on the ste to the spot on which is to be erected D.Hubbell's  
 Alvord new house. Alvord & Montague this eve'g made a settlem't & next morn-  
 ing the former started for Wilmington. Jona was at Dimmicks this eve'g  
 Illinois hearing great stories of Illinois &c.

WEDNESDAY, 14 Rained till nearly 9 in the m'g from the S. - wind  
 gradually hauled round W. and then N.W. - grew cold  
 Late in the morning visited the woods and emptied the sap reservoirs.  
 Lambs & We had now under our care 9 lambs besides that of Dimmicks - and 2  
 calves calves. The first lift of the W. mow was all consumed on the 13. We  
 Hay worked at wood-pile - Henry tended the caldron. Erastus bro't home the  
 Montague wag. & harness P.M. - Will Smith employed Rogers to buy calves for him.  
 Ev'g read Philosophy in Spafford. Made 16 lbs sug. from ab't 3  
 bbls sap

THURSDAY, 15 Cold & frozen in the morning - good sap weather  
 Robins followed - pleas't & warm, w'd S. Robins, bluebird  
 &c began to appear - the woodpile & sugar works were vigorously carried  
 G.House on - assisted by Erastus & Henry. G. House came up & said his father  
 Hinman & was better - Jon watched with him. E.Fay Jun paid us a visit A.M.  
 Parsons Hinman & Parsons visited here this evening.







FRIDAY, MARCH 16 Froze but little this morning - proved a very warm day till 4 or 5 P.M. - then it blew up cold from the N. or N.W. and increased in cold fast. Father employed himself putting up fences till P.M. - the wood was kept doing - Henry tended caldron - Fences Batt Boys The Batt boys cut wood for Jona 2/3rds of the day - Rachel Bliss paid a Montague visit to Jon. Montague worked for B.Squires'. Read Spafford again this Spafford eve'g.

SATURDAY, MARCH 17 Came on a driving cold snow storm from N.E. - the fall of snow was but slight - Set down acc'ts awhile and then went to Algiers to see Buck Squires - found him at the grand sugar works of S. Dewey & Billings Pratt where they had a cabin in front of which they had a double arch containing 6 large caldrons in which they boiled sap gathered from 800 trees belonging to Sam Safford, N. of his house.

Mch 1821 Besides Dewey & Pratt the following gent' were present - Job Burt, B. Webb, O. Abell, Jac Lyon, A. Taft, H. Allen, B. Squires, D. Ruttenbur and a boy waiter to S. Dewey. They seemed in good cheer - but rather rough - B.Squire bailed out one kettle full of sugar which was divided among a number & weighed off to them - came away soon - having first informed Mr S. of Montague my business - said I should receive my cashnin current bills next week cash and our due share of 6 tanned calf skins when done off. At Walbridge's affairs store found friend Erastus engaged in business which related to a pecuniary transaction, between him, Esquire Wilder and others - the exact situation of which I do not understand well enough to particularize.

Esquire Selden drew a writ in favor of Montague - I gave my word to hold myself recognizable for his appearance at court. A number of people were in the store, among whom were Esquire W. - who said I owed 50" for carding to him - Eliph Walbridge - uncle G. Godfrey, T. Harvey Esquire, J. Murphy, S. Pratt Jun & Tho's Crawford who expressed a very high opinion the superior genius of my father's cousin Ben Harwood with whom he became acquainted in the State Prison at Windsor. Left here Treman with Erastus - visited Post Office - had a letter mailed for Mrs R. Treman - superscribed & sealed it at the store - could not recollect her Letter fr husband's Christian name - a reason for my not inserting his name.

J. Harwood Rec'd from uncle Jonas a most excellent letter dated Parkman, O, Feb'y 25, 1821.

Sugar They sat up late at night and made up a batch of sugar of about 23 lbs - making in all about 39 lbs from some more than 7 bbls of sap. Borrowed of Mrs Clark Williams' History of Vermont.

SUNDAY, MARCH 18 Cold as Jan'y - Great N.E. blow - snow flew merrily Dimmick very little adhered to the ground - Day spent as usual - The storm prevented our people from hearing Peters. Received the company of friend Dimmick. Perused Williams' History of Vermont.

Mch 1821 MONDAY, MARCH 19 Continued very cold - but snowed less than on 18th 67 Business was mostly suspended - however sawed & threw up some wood - Made a full settlement with friend Rogers who had J. Rogers charged to us since March 14 1820 \$189.00 or thereabouts. Our acc't settl'mt was \$7. less, but on bringing our notes against him, after deducting







endorsements, he was indebted to us in the am't of \$41.62, for which he gave his note; having previously taken up the old ones. Henry was this day sick. Polly & Caroline Waters came here on a visit. Montague went to Salem this morning. H. Waters here this eve'g.

TUESDAY, MARCH 20 Stormed from the S. - increased to something pretty serious towards ev'g & continued so a considerable time. Too boisterous to work much at the wood - our grand pile was nearly compleated. We skinned a young calf which was chilled to death (as) soon or within a few hours after it saw the light, this in reality we  
Calves  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21 Parsons spent the evening here. Polly sung songs to us.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH, 21 Great winds from N.W. which with some intervals continued till past noon - Ev'g it froze - but was  
Wind  
Mr Warren calm. We were engaged in cutting up the round wood. Mr Warren temov'd removed to Mr Loomis' old house. Capt's Waters & Fry visited us - Ev'g read Waters & Williams on the Sack of Skenelectady - 1690. Jonathan vitited town. Fry Adeline sick. Hiram Waters here this ev'g. Kent came over a few moments.  
Kent

THURSDAY, March 22d Tolerably fair - pretty cool - wd N.W. We were still employed about the wood pile - cutting up round wood  
Calves A young calf was added to the other two - coloured red - of the feminine Blackington gender - the dam called "Lopp'd Horn". Mr Blackington from Williamstown, M's tarried with us. Perused Williams Vermont. The girls sung a little.

FRIDAY, MARCH 23d Alternately fair & cloudy - 2 P.M. very warm, wd S. We compleated cutting the wood-pile - it was now prepared principally for the stove, and, except the small round stuff, piled into a solid block about 20 feet square exceeding 6 feet in height - only small portion bass or other soft kinds of wood - consisting chiefly of beech & maple. Exclusive of old wood now on hand of which there was about 2 cords, we reckoned the present years supply to be 25 cords -  
Woodpile finished  
Visitants Blackington rode away this morning. The gorls visited at Waters'. Henry & I gathered sap and he got cast away coming down, but soon recovered. Rogers borrowed of me \$7.80 - paid \$1.00 next. At night visited Rogers friend Luman - he read Homer  
L.Norton

Mch 1821 SATURDAY, MARCH 24 Rainy in the morning - Mudfy in the roads. Ev'g wind 68 blew fresh from N.W. - seemed some like clearing off. We cut butternut timber for gate-posts W. of the barn by the rocks -  
Gate Post P.M. visited court house hill - Found at M. & R's office - Sam Fay, Merrills Eldad Dewey, Merrill, cous. Uel & Westonhouse. U. was engaged in making office a diagram for the Chemical business - directed by D. - when they had finished this - heard the latter talk upon the business - mentioned how he first became acquainted with the science, and the names of several authors of whose whom Accum & Henry are all that I redollect. Rode to Nathan uncle Sam. R's - Nathan ill of a fever but supposed to be better - sick talked awhile - then finding my mare had deserted me - set my face to-wards home - at Wm Haswell's found her - W's little brother had the Chemistry goodness to arrest her & take off the saddle to prevent her rolling with Books it on - thanked him and proceeded into the street - Staid at D. Clark's looking at his books there till Mr Eaton dismissed his school - read a few words in Cowper's Task which I thought exceeded any blank poetry I had ever looked into - Likewise saw Eaton's Geology of the North'n States







Walking from the Printing office down to Swift & Pickett's rec'd of Dari-  
 us Clark \$8. dollars in bills - a five & three - at the same mom't Mr  
 D.Clark pays cash Bridges wanted to borrow \$1. - C. said he had not got it for he had just  
 Cash paid paid away all he had with him to me - of said money I paid to Pickett \$2  
 Pickett which was endorsed on the note mentioned p. 44. Bo't articles to the  
 value of  $32\frac{1}{2}$  cents of which paid  $12\frac{1}{2}$  - Several persons were present among  
 whom were uncle N. Downs, Sol Searls, Asahel Booth & Job Burt. Mr S.  
 Amos said his brother in law Almon Ovaitt was a very sick man - much concerned  
 Turner about himself - Mr Turner died on the 19th aged 47 . Called on Richard  
 Sickness Carpenter for a settle't but he not being fully prepared, deferred it  
 in Pow'l till March meeting.

SUNDAY, MARCH 25 The snow fell from early in the morning till nearly  
 Snow noon about 6 inches deep - Mild or rather warm an  
 hour or two - towards eve'g commenced snowing again moderately, w'd N.W.  
 Bible Performed the usual task at writing. Examined Index to the Bible - read  
 History Williams on the War of 1755 - found him favorable to the conduct gov.  
 Shirley.

Mch 1821 If I rightly recollect - Braddock was defeated, July '55. Shirle'y went  
 69 to Oswego & Johnson fought with Dieskau at the S. end of L. George '56 -  
 dismissed - Loudon takes the command - Webb next in rank - Very little  
 done - English lose Oswego with an immense quantity of warlike stores &c  
 besides all their naval armament on Lake Ontario - Worst of all, 57, Ft  
 Wm Henry built at the head of L. George was taken and 1500 of the garri-  
 son put to the sword in defiance of a solemn contract made with Montcalm  
 the French commander - General Webb, that old British scamp might have  
 driven away the invading army and saved the brave but unfortunate gar-  
 rison from so terrible a fate - those who wish a full account of this  
 H.Waters must read Williams & Carver. H. Waters - here this eve'g. J.Rogers, I  
 J.Rogers think they say, went to Algiers on the usual errands.

MONDAY, MARCH 26th The snow was crusted - Clouds broken till past noon.  
 then it snowed and continued all the P.M. more or less  
 Timer for Wind pretty brisk apparently from N.W. We hauled up 5 moderate loads of  
 gate post butternut mixed with some walnut - the logs we designed for gzte-post  
 timber - the wood for fuel, we supposed, would last nearly two months.  
 Sally & During this days business broke & repaired the sled. Sally & Dama rode  
 D. to uncle John's Crawford's in the cutter. Polly Waters went to capt.  
 Polly Burt's on a visit . Ev'g read Spaff'd on Chemistry  
 Waters

TUESDAY, MARCH 27 Stormy all day & ev'g very cold. Early part of the  
 day sent Henry off to mill with a sleigh load of  
 provender drawn by oxen. Waters had the new sleigh to go to Arlington.  
 E.Waters We settled acc'ts with T.C.Parsons - to whom we had charged about \$23.  
 Settl'mt Gave him credit \$18. - the difference between which added to \$3.50 due  
 with T.C. on settle't 1819 made the total \$7.98" - for which he gave his note.  
 Parsons Erastus & P. next undertook the like business, but not without many  
 Montague & hard words, which finally ended in a sort of amity - such amity as I  
 Parsons dont much like. P.M. father & I rode to the Court house - good sleigh-  
 ing - here we found and saw before we came away - Esquire Card, Capts  
 Hicks, D. Robinson, Hyde & Wesonhouse - Col Merrill & U.M.Robinson.  
 Chemistry Talked about Chemistry & Geology







Mch 1821 Got Washington papers - having staid as long as we wished - came home.  
 70 Kent, Hinman & Dimmick were severally here in the course of the day. Mr  
 Eaton gave his last lecture at the court house this ev'g. Hiram Waters  
 rode away with Polly who departed with intention of returning to Jackson  
 P.Waters N.Y.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28 Good sleighing, cloudy, freezing cold all day - Wind  
 Snow brisk from N.W. March meeting. Wm Henry Esq'r  
 Moderator by nomination - Wm Haswell, Clerk by ballot - 12 majority over  
 Town Aaron Robinson. We now presumed that our tug was over till we should get  
 Meeting to the constables but very soon the all important Wilber B. called for  
 ballot under the notion that all the succeeding appointments usually made  
 by going round, would be by ballot; However, his machinery was in a great  
 measure eluded, for they found in choosing selectmen that there was no  
 division - and as soon as a few ballots were forwarded, the box was  
 turned - so that Mr B., altho' he felt sharply pricked by the success of  
 Haswell and his friends, yet lost much of the sting that he desired to  
 give.

The Selectmen were, C.Cushman, Centre - D. Brackenridge, N.W.  
 E. Fillmore - W.<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> - L.Norton - S - & G. Olin E. psrt of the town.  
 Sol'o Safford, Treasurer. After a considerable run C. Hicks was chosen  
 Ist Constable & Collector, & after a much greater fuss, Dewey, who had  
 been opposed to, that is, voted for, in opposition to Hicks, refusing the  
 next grade, Turner Hills was chosen 2d Constable. D.Clark had a few  
 votes. For my party I felt so indifferent about the last case that I  
 took no part in it - It was past 12 - they adjourned half an hour - what  
 took place subsequently, for want of close attention, I am unable to  
 state correctly - shall therefore defer it until anothernday - p

Sherwood & Johnson We agreed to receive Messrs Sherwood & Johnson as boarders at \$1.00  
 pr week, exclusive of washing & mending. As security for the former we  
 rec'd his father Lemuel upon his word - for the latter Samuel Thayer  
 who set his name to a little agreement drawn by U.M.Robinson specifying  
 we should , or rather that B. Harwood should be paid by him for J's  
 board for 1 year or part of a yr at the option of J. & at the rate above  
 mentioned. Done at M. & R'S office.

Mch 1821 Our meeting had very little if any politics about it, and except what  
 71 Blackmer endeavored to do, all was conducted harmoniously. Mr Peters  
 prayed with us. About sunset rode home with J.Buck of Pownal in a cut-  
 J.Buck ter which ran smoothly. Rog's rec'd letter fr Branford

THURSDAY, MARCH 29 Cold morning, fine day - the snow melted away slow-  
 ly, but not so but that sleighs moved lively.

Henry & I chopped wood and took care of the sap-works - though very  
 Sleigh ride little sap flowed. Father & Mother rode to the N., saw uncle Zack &c.  
 Jonathan & Damia rode on a visit to J.Bushnell's, Pow'l. Jno Fox hunt-  
 Osborne ed foxes in this neighborhood. Irvine Osborne called here. Gid House  
 came up on an errand this eve'g - said his father got along slowly.  
 Montague arrived from Arlington - said he had bad luck, broke the  
 H.Waters sleigh - threw off a part of his load. H.Waters staid here. Read Walk  
 ers speech in favor of the army bill. He was from N.C.  
 Chemistry Looked at Spofford on Chemistry.







FRIDAY, MARCH 30 Frozen in the morning, tolerably w'm day - wood was chopped - P.M. apple trees pruned - 26 lbs flax dressed by Kent & Hinman. Father bo't of Mrs Gleason a sow worth about \$6. being judged so by Mr Hinman & himself, presuming sh'd weigh 150 pounds. I went to mill near night. H.Hinman carried shoe-maker Buck with me to the meeting house & a bhl of corn & Kent for him to mill - also Mary & Delia Waters to their house - returned Buck with the flour & bran of bushels wheat - performed this business in a wag'n - snow going off fast, but stuck remarkable for the season. Agreed to have the wagg'n mended at J. Norton's next day, but business kept me at home. P.Smith came to see Hinman about hiring his son G. the pres't season.

Kent & Hinman SATURDAY, MARCH 31 Warm indeed, some cloudy & smoky. We pruned apple trees - Henry boiled sap. Kent & Hinman dressed 26½ lbs flax. Erastus got home from working at B.Squires' - An old essence peddler put up here - complained hard of bad travelling. The 2d lift of hay on the W. mow was finished on the 30th.

Apl 1821 72 SUNDAY, APRIL 1st Cloudy, moderate, thawy & Muddy. Wrote Jour'l - post ed books for Rogers - assisted in collecting sap, the boiling of which Henry attended to; & read Index to the Bible. Essence Our essence man who appeared to be over 50 - talkative, pronounced oddly Peddler not very intelligible, said he belonged in Ashfield, M's - left us this Montague morning. Wm Eldred, Montague's hired man, came this eve'g to board Wm Eldred with us in that character. Jona absented himself as he said at Capt N' several fine hours. Father backed the young Flag O'True to church for the first time.

Flax Hinman's hay. Snow Eldred MONDAY, APRIL 2d Snowed nearly all day, it melted in lowlands but on the mountains increased considerably - Real winter at night - Say before it is forgotten - had the pres't season 156 lbs g'd flax. Father according to request estimated Hinman's hay on hand to be about 1½ tons. Some wood was chopped at the door, apple trees pruned - Henry boiled sap. Near night visited the woods to throw out snow & ice found in the sap vessels - the trees were in a degree loaded with snow which caused them to present a dreary aspect indeed. Eldred came down with me - had worked there after-part of the day - former part scored timber for Waters. Sherwood & Johnson arrived here in the eve'g to board with us. We settled accounts with Hinman amounting to between \$5. & \$6.00 - he owed us 49" which on the 5th he paid us by the Mr boy's chopping Jon's wood. Jon. Rogers settled with him in the eve'g Brown. & first saw our new neighbor Mr Brown with his lady & child - late married couple. Jona sold shoe-maker Buck ½ bbl of cider.

Hay Wood TUESDAY, APRIL 3d Rough & very unpleas't - wd N.W. froze extremely hard at night, Great cry about hay - we could say we had one of the enoughts - perhaps comparatively our case was not bad. Business went dull on account of the weather. Sap boiling was pursued, wood was cut upon the rocks by Henry & father - Went myself P.M. to Algiers - carried for Jona a bbl of cider







Apl 1821 73 to Mr Gabey & rec'd \$1.33 for it. H. Allen & litt Brown assisted in putting it down cellar - the old gent treated - seemed highly pleased with his new situation. showed me his garden and informed me that he had lived with his lady about 50 years - 18 of which had been spent in this town. Carried a grist to Saff's mill - returned with my oxen & sled to Hicks' shed, made them fast there while I visited the hill -

Merrills Bo't at Pickett's 1 lb tea - 4/3 - tea-pot black 1/4 - visited M. & R's Saw Capt Hicks, Esquire Moore of Pownal, Westenhous & Welch talking of business respecting J. W. Pitt & others which I did not understand -

D. Clark went to D. Clark's - settled with him, & rec'd in full \$1.87" - the whole acc't at first was upward of \$28.00. S. side of Wallace's store

S. saw & conversed with uncle S. & Saff'd Robinson a mom't about buying

Robinson plaister &c, Returned to Hicks' & there found uncle Bill Busby sick, in consequence of taking cold while fishing last Sabbath, as he said.

W. Busby

Morgan At home first saw young Morgan of Pownal who wished to get in with us to board - in the main expected to be absent from Saturday P.M. till Monday A.M. nor did he wish to have washing or lodging here - merely wanted his

R. Hinman meals - we took him in. Sold to R. Hinman 2½ yds fulled cloth & next day rec'd pay \$2.50

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4 Real winter, though clear, held so all day. This was terrible to those who had little or no fodder, and they were many - rich farmers too, as well as others - among these we may set down Esquire Hubbell & Mr D. Weeks. Five loads of wood were drawn of which a part was cut up for fuel, the other for rails & posts. Late P.M. Erastus returned from working at capt Norton's & went away to Sage's to see about his new waggon. U. Edgerton Esq came to us with the

Minister Tax. minister's tax bill - where it was set down - Benj Harwood \$11.16 - of which \$2.10" had been paid. Hiram Harwood \$00.70" - As my poll was free from other taxes & my property being included in my father's - I refused paying it - gave a note to Edg'n to the am't of \$9.06 - and he crossed out B. Harwood on the rate bill. Our 3 new boarders took their places

Tin-ped-ler. regularly - Morgan lodged as did the others here - A tin-peddler was turned away for various reasons - perhaps he was the first sent away.

Apl 1821 74 THURSDAY, APRIL 5 Quite mild, much like spring, w'd S. From 8 A.M. till late in the day was detained at the shop of J. Norton & Sons to get thills of the one h. wag. fixed - for which they charged 0/9. Dined with uncle Jo - saw Melissa Street & paid borrowed money \$1.00 The shp was visited by the following gent'n - Hunt & Hills who talked about making loaf sugar - old uncle Day - R. Wickwire - Isaac Weeks & B. Squires - had great gate hinges, latch & catch made - Capt Stephen Hinsdill whose business was to look over accounts - uncle G'd Randall, Mr Lover & Son, Wm - R'd Crossett, Wm Smith, Dan Case & others. Besides grist, bro't from B. Squires' a side of soal leather for Montague who likewise had his waggon bro't from Sages' City by his man to Norton's shop - He himself worked at home making brooms.

J. Norton & Sons

Boarders Eve'g the boarders were in good spirits, Johnson played the flute - so did I.

Montague

& Eldred Eldred was among us. Henry's brother came to see him at night.

Parsons Parson's & lady with the child visited us this P.M.

FRIDAY, APRIL 6 Mild & clbudy - w(d S. We ventured to do something at farming - A.M. - beetling dung - P.M. Henry boiled sap - Eldred for Erastus chopped in gen. R's woods - P.M. broke







the new butternut yoke, made by Dimmick, while drawing out logs.  
 Mr House who had lately been sick rode up to see Jon. about shoes.  
 Montague Parsons very deliberately talked with us this P.M. on various topics.  
 & Eldred Jona visited Pownal & rec'd a watch of old Mrs Eldred for debt.  
 Mr House Kent had the y'g mare & waggon to go to the west part of the town to get  
 Parsons grain which he carried to mill & had it ground & bro't it home.

SATURDAY, APRIL 7 Pleas't, warm, cloudy, & sm&ky - rained at night.  
 Chief employm't all around was knocking dung & boil-  
 Eldred ing sap. Eldred pursued chopping & at night went to his uncle A.Potters  
 Merrill Eve'g visited town & rec'd of Col Merrill in Burlington money \$10. on  
 acc't - Bo't at S. & Pickett's 1 lb coffee, 2 yds ribband - the whole 55  
 All their charges am'td to \$3.03" - Called on Mr Peters & paid him  
 \$9.06 for which took his receipt - talked with his lady.

Apl 1821 Rode with Dr Swift a few rods. J. Rogers sold his fine chain to M.Brown  
 75 for \$7.00 each cash. Morgan went home. Sherwood & Johnson staid over  
 night. They had an exhibition of bones at thenoffice this day.  
 Ab Eldred Abel Eld'd came to get lime for whitewashing - he & his father rode  
 Death of off together. We heard of the death of Lyman Upham occasioned by fall-  
 Lyman ing from a loaded waggon on the Troy road this side of Pittstown meet-  
 Upham ing house - broke the pith of his back bone. He died this day.

SUNDAY, APRIL 8th Lowery, unpleas't P.M. snowed violently, but tho' ~~so~~  
cold, became moderate at night. Wrote as usual.  
 Boarders Johnson went home in the morning. Sherw'd spent the Sabbath with us.  
 H.DeBar Henry in the midst of chilling blasts, and snow, & mud with P's mare be-  
 fore our waggon gallanted Miss Hand from her fathers up to Parsons'.  
 Jona went to the usual place of recreation - Algiers. Perused part of  
 Robert's speech against the bankrupcy bill. Mr Long belonged to Penn.

MONDAY, APRIL 9 Hard froze'n this m'g - good fair day for business.  
 Chips Sugaring was kept in motion - a load of chips was  
 collected in gen. R's woods, where Alvord worked up wood for Montague.  
 Hinman Mr Hinman was now preparing to go ro Connecticut with his son George. -  
 Brown leaving his family here - Burton to work for Mr Brown - H. & B. visited  
 Boarders us this eve'g - the latter slept in his chair. Our boys, includ'g El-  
 dr'd were all on the ground in good cheer - had music at Jona's shop -  
 Montague I assisted in that. Erastus worked at B. Squires' - his man worked at  
 Bliss his wood on Gen R's land. Mr Bliss came to buy a cow - wanted to pur-  
 Waters chase for \$12.00. Sold to Elisha Waters 8 bbls potatoes - at 2/0 -  
 S.Rob'n A. DeBar came after them - Father went to cousin Stephen's and had a new  
 Montagues yoke made, which he bro't home on his shoulder. Erastus rec'd a bbl I  
 cider would say hhd of cider, of which he sold I bbl to Buckley Squire. Z.K.  
 Barney carried it to him in a 1 h. waggon.

TUESDAY, APRIL 10 Spring weather - chilly wind from N. grew colder as  
 night drew on - was hazy - not a great body of frost  
 in the gr'd - Mended fences on the Brown line - P.M. on the Nort'n line  
 Montague Montague & Eld'd worked at Hubb's job - had harness & waggon.  
 Hinman & G. started for Conn't







- Apl 1821 WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11 Snowed lightly from the E. all day. Wrote Jour'l.  
76 Looked in Bell concerning the circulation of the blood; & retailed brandy to the boys who played ball in the N. orchard. Parsons, Pet Gulliver, Andrew DeBar & Just. Gleas'n were with them. Our Hard play boys, except Morgan, played so hard that they were sore a number of Whipping hours afterwards. In the Eve'g Henry & Eldred had a whipping match. match. which ended in the former breaking his whip - this game pleased Sherwood Hay. & Rogers exceedingly. All the hay, or fodder of any kind, except a very small quantity of rye straw now on hand was in a block reaching across the N. end of the W. bay measuring 8 feet high & 10 wide. Sul Cady dies Mr Sullivan Cady's remains were this day interred - aged
- Snow THURSDAY, APRIL 12 E. storm continued - increased greatly towards ev'g  
Snow & hail fell bountifully. Father & I mended H.DeBar fence on the N. line during the A.M. Henry at the same time spent most of his hours in Jonas shop. P.M. he assisted at threshing 15½ bbls corn Hog trade & performed some other services. Jonathan & I closed the bargain with Mrs Gleason for her hog - rec'd a few days previous - allowing her \$6. - Montague all which she rec'd from him & he charged the same to us. Erastus & his man began working at Waters' in the m'g but left there & returned here to broom-making & chopping.
- FRIDAY, APRIL 13th A coat of snow & hail smoothly covered the country & Ox shoes stuck by all day - Sour & cloudy. Yoked oxen to the sleigh - rode to Frost's & had their shoes taken off. Brooks & Hon. H. Frost Robinson assisted - forgot the first, promised it hereafter - mended chain for me & delivered me a ploughshare lately nosed. On the hill visited cousin U. M. a few moments - went to Clark's, sold 6 quires of writing paper for \$1.08" & rec'd it in a razor strop, box of metallic paste & 2 papers ink-powder. Made a conditional bargain for Walker's large Dictionary at \$3.50 - to be paid in writing paper - At Pickett's saw lawyer Kellogg, Dan Welch & somebody else - Came home at noon - Montague Erastus' cousin Sikes & borther Smith had arrived from Mass.
- Apl 1821 P.M. plugged up our sugar trees & bro't home the furniture. We had made 77 upwards 100 lbs sugar & molasses - might have continued the business longer but other concerns interfered so that we could not consistently. Sugar Erastus made brooms, attended to his relations & kept Eld'd chopping Montague Eldred also visited Algiers for him after the new wagg'n which was not ironed - tarried at Waters' - I perused papers this eve'g.
- Snow SATURDAY, APRIL 14 Our snow was crusted this morning but in this quarter vanished by noon where not protected by fences or trees. On the Hill where Palmer & capt Dimmick reside it lay smoothly all day - as it did beyond Carpenters' as well as on the E. mountain - Hazy - P.M. a great circle encompassed the sun - likewise cloudy. Brush fence In the morning we laid our course W. mending rail & brush fences, till arrived nearly to the lower edge of the clump of pines - then went to the same kind of fence W. of our grove which was repaired, about completing the half day. Henry - P.M. had business of his own in town to H.DeBar which he sacrificed the other half day - We worked at fence on the Nor't Fences line - laid up the rail fence which crosses the knoll situated between L.Norton the half & whole wall. Friend John went past with a load of plaster which he was going to sow on their pastures in the upper department -







talked with us sometime - Julius rode the horse hitched forward. Erastus cousin Sikes & brother S. went to Salem - Eld'd worked at wood - closed the day going to Sages' City with M's wag'n to Hopkin's - there to have it finished - returned here at noon - Morgan went home P.M. Sherwood & H.Waters Johnson came home as usual - had music too in the ev'g. H.Waters staid here at night. First gave liberty to our cattle - had now 5 calves & 20 good lambs.

SUNDAY, APRIL 15 Very unpleasant - what we call squally from N.W. - short showers of snow - angry clouds - cold air -  
Z.Harwood deep mud. Sherwood shaved me - Wrote about 3 hours - didn't read much. Father visited uncle Zach'a - found him much recovered from his late illness - Sher'd spent the day with us - Johnson absent except m'g & ev'g -  
Boarders H.Waters J. Rogers not in Algiers, but at home. H. Waters on the ground.

Apr 1821 Erastus, Smith & Sikes returned late in the Eve'g from Salem, N.Y.  
78 Simpson Farrand came to see Jonathan - said Hollis had been a trip to Canada since leaving this. Brad Godfrey paid J. a visit

B.Godfrey

MONDAY, APRIL 16 Frozen hard in the m'g - chilly air. Snowed hard at night. Forepart of the day the poplars in front of  
Poplars cut the house were cut son to 12 feet - the full height having been about 63-  
down. limbs very brittle - wood stinking & soft. P.M. worked at fences - a little at Champ's - but mainly on the Norton line in spite of snow - All our  
Fences. boys at home at night except Erastus. Morgan bro't over his Edinburgh geography - 2d vol.

TUESDAY, APRIL 17 Snowy winter weather from N.E. Great scarcity of hay dreadful times among farmers. Father unwell - no  
Hay work of importance done. Spent the A.M. in town - Saw Wallace stretched at full length on his back on the counter in Clark's apartment - paid C8k  
Wallace Henry 34 cents - having thro' mistake rec'd so much from him. Put a \$5 Burling  
Merriitt ton bill into Henry's hands accompanied by a letter to D. Merriitt & Sons to be conveyed to them - said he should go to Troy on the 19th. Called  
H.Hall at Hall's office - looked at his & his friends W's books, the latter was reading Tom Jones. A.Robinson Esq came in while I was there - borrowed  
James James' Travels in Sicily, Italy & France. Stopped a mom't at Dr S's  
sketfhes office. Most of the P.M. perused James. Eld'd & Smith here this Eve'g.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18 Very cold & windy till noon - less strong P.M. Looked  
Sheep lost for sheep - Saw J. Norton & Pierce getting a load of  
Dickenson wood in their pasture for our new neighbor Dickenson who I believe with his  
Drawing off family entered the Champney house this day. Henry attended a barn-drawing  
barn. at Isaac Rice's - N. part of the town. Perused James - Lost a large fine  
Sheep and lamb by the bite of a dog - another was bitten, but very bad - our sheep  
lands lost had been scattered - lost several with 3 or 4 lambs which were all in fine  
order - doing nicely.

J B Blacking J B Blackington called just at night - going to Boston.  
ton.







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Sheep

L. Norton  
and the  
folks.

Montague  
Rogers  
Sherwood  
Dr Swift

THURSDAY, APRIL 19 Flying clouds - cold - snowy - on Mts - chill wd S.  
Found 2 sheep & 1 lamb at Dr Swift's - saw a dead one, supposed to be ours, in his field - two other lambs were accidentally discovered in the woods and brought home in time to save them from starvation - 3 or 4 old sheep & 4 lambs yet missing - one of these I found the next day by the side of the meadow fence dead - Great part of the day was devoted to this business - in the course of which called with father at L. Norton's shop - talked sometime - particularly with Lydia who was spinning tow - On the farm they were getting out dung. All this confusion among our sheep and lambs arose from an unlucky boy setting a bad dog on them. Erastus & hands worked at his wood. P.M. Henry assisted - they had the oxen A.M. Sherwood & Jona were ill & lay on the floor. The ladies visited at Mr Browns. Dr Swift came to see mother - B. Loomis was with him - said his father was ill.

Sheep  
Montague  
J. Rogers  
takes up  
note.

FRIDAY, APRIL 20th Sun-shiny morning - by noon hazed over, looked like snow - P.M. wore off again - became calm - grew warmer - wd S.W. More knocking dung in the meadow - Sheep looked for. P.M. we worked at fences. Erastus white-washed the house & tinkered with the Lenox stove which was cleared out - Eldred & Smith worked at E's wood. J. Rogers took up his \$64 note given Aug. 1820 to J. Pratt for a horse - Perused James' Italy. These late snows were said to favor grass.

J. Haynes  
S Robin-  
son.

DR H. Swift

SATURDAY, APRIL 21st Stromg, high wind from S.W., cloudy, rained P.M. & eve'g. We put one team to plowing in the stalk gr'd bounded S.W. by the young orchard. Till past noon was absent in town - at J. Haynes' & at the paper mill - expecting to receive of him a ream of writing paper on J. Rogers' acc't but circumstances prevented his getting it for me - Saw uncle Sam. & his brother Safford who appeared to have been mending fences. Haynes had just bo't a bbl of cider & bhl spr'g wheat to sow, of Mr Bingham.  
Dr H. Swift had hands building wall.

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Brown fences  
Boarders  
Montague  
Bankruptcy

At Pickett's a new cistern was building - got some white rose bushes & came home. P.M. father & I put up fence on the Brown Fay line south part - principally for them - they engaged to pay us in labor. Sherwood at home as usual - Morgan & Johnson went away together - bound E. from the office. Rogers weather-bound in Algiers. Erastus' boys came home, but he was absent at night. Not long previous to this Silas Walbridge Jun'r became bankrupt. Instances of this kind were now daily multiplying, particularly in Pownal.

James'  
Italy.  
Montague.

SUNDAY, APRIL 22d Tolerably mild, chill breeze from N.W. flying cl'ds Shall say nothing singular of this day. Besides writing perused James' Sketches of Italy &c. Sherwood attended service - Johnson came home at night - Erastus arrived from Hicks' in the morning.

MONDAY, APRIL 23d Fairn& fine altho' frozen in the M<sup>o</sup>g - We sowed plaster - raised from the ground several times a sick colt - limed wheat & spread manure. Henry A.M. worked on Jon's wood-pile - Jons at the same time plowed with the oxen. P.M. they both







Isaac ploughed - the latter with horses. Isaac Gale applied here to board,  
 Gale could not immediately give him an answer - Boys all here at night -  
 Boarders Morgan ill.

TUESDAY, APRIL 24 Warm & hazy - wind S.W. Sp'g wheat sown in the  
 Sowing field bounded S.W. by the young orchard - harrow &  
 plow in motion all day - Our young physicians had a turn at bleeding  
 Bleeding this m'g - Jona was bled too - went with them to town. At night the  
 Boarders boys walked out. Flax seed was prepared for sowing.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25 Cloudy A.M. cold all day - snow flakes flew former  
 part of the day - tow'd night became pleasant. Two  
 Sowing teams in motion - compleated sowing sp'g wheat - a part of which occu-  
 pied the stalk y'd W. of the swale. About an acre at the N. end.  
 Past 1 this morning father & I turned out & helped up the little colt.  
 Is Gale Mr Gale this eve'g entered here as boarder - All had a kind of frolic  
 Boarders going to Browns' - drumming, fifing & fluting constituted the chief  
 amusement.

THURSDAY, APRIL 26 Frozen m'g but proved a fine day. Oats were sown  
 81 at the S. part of the field last mentioned. flax  
 seed also this side the swale. At night assisted looking for a cow  
 Cow lost which staid out in the woods - Morgan & Gale accompanied me up to Par-  
 sons' lands and we talked of such wonderful mountains as we had read of  
 Boarders We did not find the cow till morning. Sherwood & his friends said  
 Stenogra- a Stenographer had visited them this P.M. with proposals to set up a  
 pher. school here. S. wrote a race with & beat him - they found him a little  
 in the rear of his pretentions.

FRIDAY, APRIL 27 Fine - warm at mid-day. Kept the teams moving.  
 Sheep Father hunted for sheep. P.M. stopped my team -  
 helped mend fence - towards night rode to town with father to V.D. Spei-  
 gles' after sheep, expected to find 3 there, but finally they dwindled  
 to but one and that we did not bring away, because his, V.D's, flock  
 Haswell was not at hand. Walked onto Court house hill with W. Haswell & F.  
 Breck'dge Breckenridge; they thought the pensioners & community were worse off  
 Nath. Rob. with their pensions than without them. Saw Nathan Robinson fetching  
 young maples to set out in Williams' door yard - enquired for his fath-  
 er - said he was at work for Erastus about Hubbell's cellar - went there  
 but saw him not - left word with E. to inform him when he should return  
 H. Hall. from the quarry, that we wished him to come & see a sick creature of  
 Biography ours. At Hall's borrowed Lempriers Universal Biography - 2 Vols - Saw  
 H. writing Stenography - Saw White & Blackmer, they spoke of the Ency-  
 clopoedia &c. Goods were bro't in from Troy to Blackmer's and Patchin -  
 VD Speigleroads never much worse - very badly rutted - Spiegle was having his gar-  
 den made. E. Waters worked on Hubb's frame.

SATURDAY, APRIL 28 Good weather - chilly wind from S.W. cloudy.  
 Oats sowed Lilacs, elders &c had nearly leaved out. Oats were  
 sown at S. part of the field bounded by the Fay line N. of the butternut  
 tree at the corner which compleated sowing for this season - I was the  
 boy to do about all the harrowing. Henry plowed with oxen. The ladies  
 the present week had cleaned house & this day cleared the door yard &  
 Boarders parade ground. None of the boarders came home at night. Lyman Sherw'd  
 came after his brother Len.







Apl 1821 Ev'g of the 26 - Eldred returned from Erastis' quarters at Bliss where  
82 he & his hands commenced boarding on the 23d inst. Rec'd of Maj'r Wra  
Haynes Haynes by way of Rogers I ream of writing paper which he delivered at D.  
Diction- Clark's, for which I rec'd of him Walker's large dictionary at \$3.50" -  
ary. Henry returned from town with it. Young Mr Brown visited us (this) Fri-  
Brown day eve'g. Our hay in the W. bay was reduced even with the floor girt-  
Very little of last year's growth was left - the other had been there  
going on three years

Monrague SUNDAY, APRIL 29th Chill S. wind all day - cloudy with little rain &  
DeBar. great indications of much more. Erastus & hands  
Johnson were here most of the day. Henry gone all day to the S. Johnson return  
Biography ed towards the close of day. I performed writing & other concerns as  
usual. Perused Dictionary & Biography - Park's Englishman lived to the  
age of 152 years & (9 months - died 1835.

Thunder MONDAY, APRIL 30th Warm rain from the S. cldy all day - rainy only in  
Vegeta- the A.M. - thundered late P.M. - the first noticed  
tion. here the present season. Grass started mightily. We got out empty cide  
Potatoes cider casks from the cellar, rinsed & put them away in regular - carried  
E.Waters 60 bhls potatoes to the barn - sold 10 bhls to E. Waters at 2/6 - he  
J.Duncan paid us a short visit - so did Esq'r Duncan. Henry & I P.M. sowed pota-  
Plaster toes - father mended fence down by Parsons' to keep his creatures out of  
Fences the little meadow, but notwithstanding this, they plagued us several  
Boarding days afterwards. Sherwood & Gale returned from their respective homes  
Bodley at night where they went on Saturday - the former & Johnson were zealous  
in Stenography. Read of Bodley who founded the Bodleian Library at  
Oxford - born 1544 - died 1612. Soft maples had turned red.

Vegetation TUESDAY, MAY 1st., Warm & rainy forep't of the day, held cldy thr' the  
day - showered again toward eve'g - grew cool - wd  
N.W. Favorable time for vegetation. Busy choaring all day - cider  
casks maneuvered with - Jon's cellar cleared out - mending fence, ring-  
ing

May 1821 & turning to pasture the old sow & her four pigs - and barber'g the  
83 sheep &c. Henry P.M. ploughed with oxen - Eve'g bro't a letter from the  
Letter fr P.O. dated at Attica some few weeks since - all well there. Hen. spent  
Attica. the forenoon chopping wood at Jona's woodpile. Perused biography in  
H.DeBar. the evening. Stephen Harwood came to see us this P.M. - his lady the  
preceding night had a son. The lady of E. Waters had an infant girl on  
Boarders. the inst or ult. Boarders all here at night, including Morgan who  
was absent on Monday.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 2d Warmish & cloudy - expected rain, wd S.W. Garden  
ploughed - A.M. beds made by Bliss who laboured here  
till towards eve'g - Hen. & I ploughed till noon - ended the day carting  
manure. Eve'g at Dr Swift's borrowed shovel & superb dung fork - he  
would show me his best shovel which he said one of his neighbors took wt  
without leave - used - broke & returned it, not saying anything about it  
Young Graves aged 19 came to inform Dr S. that J. A. French had a sick  
child which he must visit - promised he would - with G. I walked or  
rather trotted nearly to Pickett's - he was very swift on the heel - had  
walked 30 miles in 5 hours. At Clark's bo't garden seeds & ink-powder -  
had on credit 38 cents. Bo't & paid cash - 25" for 5½ lbs codfish -  
several persons were present, among whom were - Hen. H. Robinson, I.J.  
Hendryx & capt Hyde. By request played a tune on Blackmer's flute.  
Perused newspaper.







May 1821 THURSDAY, MAY 3d More chill than otherwise - cloudy - drew 21 lds ma-  
83 nure. Jonathan went with the team. Father ill.  
Jo piled wood for jon - Boys full of fun at night. Greatly banged off,  
Rogers myself - perused Biography - of Rienzi, Milton, Tasso, &c.

FRIDAY, MAY 4 Chill - very unpl't & cldy - wd N.W. or N.E.  
Rogers Storm exp'd - Jona absent a little while in the mg  
returned & assisted in loading 24 loads of manure - had some curious  
Boarders talk with him - Jo assisted about log - Hen. drove team - Father worked  
Sir Isaac at fences. Boys played well at night. Read an acc't of Sir Isaac New  
Newton ton - born 1642 - died 1727 - A most wonderful & extraordinary genius.

May 1821 SATURDAY, MAY 5 Strong & boisterous wind came from N.E. Unpl't  
84 very sour homely snow storm on the mountains - a  
part was scattered upon us, mixed with rain. Worked hard at carting  
Manure manure, 20 lds. Dr S's folks had young Nancy to furrow with - we had  
their ox'n to form a part of our team. Mr Bliss visited us near night.  
J. Rogers Jona having rode out in quest of our young jenny (mare), returned without  
Boarders finding her & P.M. visited the interior of the cave with Johnson, Sher-  
in the wood & Morgan - the last & Gale went home. S. & J. were here this eve'g  
cave, and in conjunction with H. Waters had a considerable scale at dancing -  
J. & W. being musicians. A day or two we had disposed with old Trenor,  
Old but the severity of the weather caused us to replace him and were happy  
Trenor in being seated near his heated sides this cold eve'g in May.

SUNDAY, MAY 6th Like Sat'y, cold & gloomy - wind N.E. Finished  
writing Journ'l & then with Sherwood visited neigh-  
Pierce bor Pierce lately removed from the Sherw'd neighborhood with wife &  
family child in to the new Atwood house built for Buel Norton to live in - 1819  
-20 - Johnson & Rogers visited at Thayers - the former bro't over Morses  
Atlass Atllass. I read some fine things in Lempiers Bio'y.

MONDAY, MAY 7th Large frost this morning - chilling wd - from N.W.  
all day. Exchanged with Dr Swift's folks half a day  
Manure as mentioned on Saturday - Completed drawing out manure. Father this  
Parsons mg drew some rails for friend Parsons to repair fence next to our little  
Bliss meadow, which his necessities in winter drove him to destroy. Mr Bliss  
Anatomy butchered a calf, also this morning - Sher'd & Johnson made some anatom-  
ical discoveries in this subject.

TUESDAY, MAY 8 Some frost this morning - fine weath'r foll'd.  
Ploughing Henry with oxen was employed at ploughing - we labor  
ed hard spreading manure in the same field. The ladies picked geese.  
Rogers Jonathan rode ab't on the young horse. Mother rode out on yg Nancy,  
Sally went on business to see Mrs Dewey.

May 1821 WEDNESDAY, MAY 9 Fine & very warm - wd N. Maples had just become  
85 green faintly. Assisted at plowing A.M. P.M. rode  
about to look up a 3 yr old bay mare which been strayed from us 6 or 7  
days - went W. as far as S. Scott's - E. to J. Norton's shop - S to wd  
Greens plowfield S of capt Norton's woods - there they were plowing up  
a ryefield, winter killed - saw some adjoining badly killed - came down







Judah the Fuller road - talked a few mom'ts with Levi Jewett & Judah Harwood -  
 Harwood but heard nothing of the mare. At L. Norton's received my commission  
 Highways as Surveyor of highways. Ev'g searced maps with friend Morgan.

THURSDAY, MAY 10 Warm, cloudy & smoky - wind S. Ridged out our gr'd  
 & commenced planting corn P.M. The ladies visited  
 Mr Brown's lady - Mrs Swift was of the Party. H. Waters & Sherwood fol-  
 lowed hunting. Johnson gained greatly in fluting. Read of Davanant  
 Vegeta- who flourished in the 17th Cent'y. Maples & other trees grew green fast  
 tion

FRIDAY, MAY 11 Rained considerably at diff't times in course of the  
 day - thundered hard P.M. - growing season indeed -  
 Thunder a fine rain. Cleared out the cellar - saved about 6 bhls potatoes for  
 Potatoes family use - Foked steers & I bull and turned them into the W. pasture  
 Cattle turned to Cows were likewise turned to pasture - had hay enough yet to keep our  
 pasture. team. Henry was sent to mill with 4 bhls wheat &  $2\frac{1}{2}$  of corn. P.M. he  
 Sherwood chopped wood. Sherwood & H. Waters butchered a calf here this m'g.

SATURDAY, MAY 12 Thick clouds till past 10 A.M. - thinner P.M. but  
 smoky all day - and, now and then, a slight sprink-  
 ling of rain - A fine growing time. We finished planting  $2\frac{1}{4}$  acres corn  
 Bliss Mr Bliss worked for us this day - Went to mill at night - Dewey's -  
 Minister visited the hill - bot a fife for Henry at 75" - charged. U. Edgerton  
 business gave up my note for Peter's receipt - p. 73-4 Morgan & Johnson went to  
 Boarders. their respective homes - Sherwood contented himself here. H. Waters  
 tarr'd with us - Sherwood bro't home Barron Knigge's Practical Philosq-  
 phy

May 1821 SUNDAY, MAY 13th Cool, S.W. wind which blew high P.M. Thundered.  
 86 Cold night. After writing, perused biography of sev-  
 eral prominent men. Sally & Lydia went to meeting. Sherwood & Jona.  
 Boarders went to Pierce's. JonaTh'n arrived from Thayer's at eve.

MONDAY, MAY 14th A very cold morning - considerable frost - continued  
 cool all day - wd N.W. Had gr'd plowed ready to  
 Bliss plant potatoes - Henry plowed Bliss' garden A.M. - P.M. he worked with  
 M Potter me. Mrs Eliza Potter, & her sister-in-law, Ruhana, visited the ladies.

TUESDAY, MAY 15 Frost again - good weather followed. Laid out the  
 potatoe ground with machine in squares. A.M. father  
 Frost had horses shod at Frost's & looked for young jenny the creature for  
 which I hunted an the 9th, found her not. P.M. dropped potatoes. Mr  
 Mr Kent Kent put together two 12 ft gates the mortices first having been beaten  
 Visited out so long ago as Aug't - also hewed a post. I went with all our boys  
 Brown's to Mr Browns' - they had the foolish formality to seat us in their best  
 parlour.

Potatoes WEDNESDAY MAY 16 Damp S. wind - cloudy - looked for rain. All engag-  
 planted. ed planting potatoes. Mr Bliss assisted the whole  
 Naples day - We now read news of the first battle between the Austrians & Nea-  
 politans which if I rightly recollect happ'd March 9th - at Rieti.  
 Italy Looked at the geography the N.W. psrt of Italy. Dr Swift first took mea-  
 Dr Swift sures for removing a kind of cancer sore from mothers arm. Caroline Par-  
 C. Parsons sons visited the ladies. The boys had a medley of music.







THURSDAY, MAY 17th Chill S. wind - P.M. rained finely. We thought the leaves pushed out very slowly. A little past mid-day Vegetation day compleat'd planting - in all over 5 acres or thereabouts - 3 occu- Planting finished pied with potatoes & corn S. of Jon's house & more than 2 W. of the barn Henry went to mill & bro't home newspapers which were occupied with the Dr Swift affairs of Naples a good deal. Dr Swift came to visit mother - bro't Edward with him.

May 1821 87 FRIDAY, MAY 18 Rainy till noon - then changed to occasional mist & low clouds which broke away toward evening - growing cool - wd N.W. Perused books & papers (about) while in the A.M. about Italy & fussed over the 1 h. waggon. P.M. Jon. & I rode to town - carried Damia to Waters' - went to Col Norton's to agree for work, but there was nobody at home - had harness mended a little at Hick's - gratis. Visited Pickett's - bo't 2 half pt tumblers - 25" . Saw uncle Sam there. Came down to F. Blackmer's store - took in C. Faxon & carried C.Faxon Gate him home - well to live - very sociable. At uncle J. Norton's agreed to hangings have 2 prs great gate hooks & eyes made by Wednesday next - Went to V.D. Stray Speigles & got a stray sheep which had been there some time - in convey- sheep ing this poor animal to pasture Johnson rode with me up the lane - he Boarders amused himself in the eve'g marching and playing the fife on the rocks - Sherwood having Morgan with him. Sherwood found upon examination that a bone had been broken in his foot toward the extremity - occasioned by hitting it hard against a projecting corner of our kitchen while warmly engaged at dancing. Henry spent the P.M. vainly looking for the stray colt. Naples Eve'g commenced reading Sir Rob't Willson's speech respecting Naples in the B. House of Commons.

Beans & cucumbers SATURDAY, MAY 19 Extremely cold in the morning - cloudy and cool all day - wd N.W. Planted poll beans & set the polls - planted cucumbers & performed other such kinds of choars. Henry was employed during the A.M. plowing Mr Kent's garden. In the course of the Boarders P.M. all our boys went home. Jonathan went to Ab Noble's and got 500 ft Rogers pine boards and cart-body stuff - the former for himself - the latter L.Leach for ourselves. Eve'g visited L. Leach in Alg'rs and had his consent to H.Waters pay what is due him to Dr Swift & Pickett. H.Waters visited us this J.Hand eve'g - J. Hand arrived from a visit in Pownal at his grand-father's.

MAY 1821 88 SUNDAY, MAY 20th A chill breeze blew from the S. till near night when the wind hauled to N.W. - rained till 9 in the ev'g cold. Dr Swift came to visit mother this morning. Some went to church Dr Swift I went with Jonathan past 12 to Algiers - Parsons accompanied us to Green's where Willard Junr related every particular of himself & friend J. Rogers Wilcox being taken up on the Sabbath in Sheffield, Mss - 1814 - Dec. married In Algiers at the house of uncle G. Godfrey, J. Rogers was married to Miss Catherine Godfrey by Tho's Wilder Esq'r between 22 & 3 P.M. The manner in which the ceremony was performed was concise, solemn, & impressive. Having given the new couple a few words of good advice, by request made a short prayer. From the moment they, the groom & bride, entered the room I began to feel most sensibly a degree of solemnity not to be described - this did not leave me until several moments after Mr W. had done speaking - nor was I alone in my feeling - the little audience appeared to be in the same predicament - The whole was concluded with a good supper - everyone resuming his usual good feelings & cheer.







Except Sam. the family was all present - Mrs W., Z.H. Barney & lady & Hannah Grimes were also present. Coming home found at Green's Mr Kent who came with me to his house. Our boarding boys all came home this eve'g. About 8 at night Hiram W. bro't with him his brother Worthy who had not visited us for nearly 9 years - I found great satisfaction in conversing with him - his geographical knowledge was very extensive, having recently visited the south'n and western parts of the Union - He left us next morning. The blossoms of cherries & plums were now out in full I think.

MONDAY, MAY 21st Cloudy, scuddy & cold all day - wd N. Father & I spent the best part of the day looking in the E. part of the town & in Woodford for our stray colt without finding her. Stray colt  
Cash paid Paid to Wilder this morning in full tow'd carding - 1819 - \$1.04".  
Wilder Jonathan kept 2d day wedding here - Chatfield & Caroline Parsons 2d Day attended. The boys - H.W. in the b'ness bro't Sherwood on their shoulders in to the house. Wedding

May 1821 TUESDAY, MAY 22d Cold, frosty morning - fine day - wind W. or N.  
89 Started with Jonathan for Troy after waiting some time for him & Miss Grimes who was a passenger - talked some of carrying Expedition Miss Stewart of Algiers, but she not arriving in time we pursued our to Troy course without waiting. At Wadsworth's saw J. Hinsdill who said he was much better in health than he had been. Wallace & his team with Miss Stewart were there. At Lansingburgh made a halt - looked at Lamprieres Classical Dictionary - could not buy - cost too much \$5. In Troy I had some unpleas't sensations on account of not calculating business rightly - but by about sun-set we happily bro't our affairs to a close - Paid at Merritt's \$5. for plaster at 8 dolls pr ton. Jonathan in my name took up at Jos Gary's leather store about \$15.90" worth of leather including morrocco - I had \$5.24" value - of which paid \$3. Bo't at Morrison's 7 lbs codfish for 28" - poor stuff - got cheated - Dull times here. Arrived at Wheeler's past 9 in the eve'g. Mrs W's sister & the hired man were all that were at home.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 23d More like spring than it had been - midday warm - Without difficulty worth mentioning arrived at Wadsworth's. I must mention that at Wheeler's, Mr W. & lady in the ev'g were absent at his brother's attending a public sale of property which came by a legacy or some such way to him. At uncle Jo's Mr Hinsdill overtook us - We halted about 2 hours - In the American N.Y. paper saw a curious account of a young lady being lost by slipping down a high cliff in Anglesea or the Isle of Man - and providentially restored to her parents & friends who were terribly alarmed about her. But forcibly did her restoration affect her mother that she could not survive the shock.. A young man had corn to sell which uncle Jo tried to buy, but they didn't trade. We saw several fine fields of grain, but there were a good many badly killed - Grass & sp'g grain late - Many were preparing to plant - few had finished.







May 1821 Past 12 commenced travelling slowly - the road being badly cut up - this  
90 side W's in a shocking manner, but not quite equal to what we found it  
this side widow Armstrong's in this town - perhaps it could not be worse  
& be passable. We made a short halt at the Four Corners. Let me men-  
tion seeing at Wadsworth's a gentleman between 50 & 60 who said he pur-  
sued the hatting business - complained that stock in his line was higher  
than he had known it for a number of years, said his name was Harvey -  
had that morning bo't a new stylish 1 h. waggon of Worthington of Peters  
burgh in which county he himself resided. One other circumstance must  
likewise be noticed and that is - that the old Hurley mansion of filthy,  
savage & wretched celebrity was demolished not many months since.

Season The season was generally esteemed backward. Father & Henry in my ab-  
sence very laboriously improved the time in drawing rails, repairing fen-  
ces, and clearing out the bottom of the rail fence which lately divided  
the S. meadow from the plowfield S. of Jonas house - these broken pieces  
Adeline were saved for fuel - Mr Kent had a load - Adeline first began going to  
to school school to Miss C. Loomis on the 22d. Capt Brown & Sam H. arrived from  
below this eve'g

Gates & THURSDAY, MAY 24th Cloudy & remperate - flourish'g season - Hanging gra  
board fence great gates - 2 only - & making board fence, assist-  
Kent ed by Kent made up this day's labor - the fence alluded to stretches  
across from the N'h orchard to the garden including a large & small gate  
- the other large gate was hung at the barn yard - the hangings were  
made by end uncle J. Norton & Sons.  
Johnson pleased the ladies turning the big square churn.

B.Loomis Bliss Loomis paid us a visit just at night.

FRIDAY,, MAY 25th Cloudy & pretty warm - App blossoms not in full -  
Blossoms they very generally put forth in this section of the  
Plaster county. A.M. we sowed plaster in the great Champney pasture - likewise  
on oat flax & a part of the sp'g wheat - P.M. resumed the board fence  
Kent before mentioned - which with some help from Mr Kent, who was framing  
Goods bot cart body we about compleated . Carr'd Moth'r to Gleasons' - bo't tea &  
nails at Pickett's - \$2.71" - spent a mom't at Kellogg's - hinges at  
Frost Frost's - 50" - Greenwood turned a dollar to Frost.

May 1821 SATURDAY, MAY 26th Fine rain from the S. forepart of the day. P.M. no  
91 rain but cloudy. Mr Kent nearly compleated the cart  
body - we found choars enough to keep us busy besides compleating the  
Kent new fence. I made a 4½ foot gate to hang at S.E. corner of the horse-  
Gates stable. Moegan & Johnson went home - Rogers to Algiers - He bo't some  
Boarders property of Barsons on Friday of which he took immediate possession.  
Rogers Same day I rec'd a letter from Gid. Smedley , dated L.S.Farms, C't Apl  
Letter 15 1821 - Of little information - didn't expect his father to live long.  
from Josiah, Ed'd & families in health &c. By means of Mr Godfrey's people  
Smedley our stray mare was found & father fetched her home on Tuesday.

Austrian SUNDAY, MAY 27 Cold & cloudy. Wrote Jour'l & perused Austrian Dec-  
Declaration laration. Felt some uneasiness. Johnson arrived  
Johnson from home.

MONDAY, MAY 28 Cloudy & warm. App. trees in full bloom. A.M.wash-  
ed sheep at Parsons' - place inconvenient - might be  
better. P.M. in capacity of S. of highway warned out the men of the S.  
District on the main road to work out their several taxes rates on  
THURSDAY next. Morgan arrived from Pown'l. Parsons here this eve'g.







Kent Mr Kent finished the new cart-body this morning.

TUESDAY, MAY 29 Rainy A.M. P.M. flying clouds & warm. Chief empl't making & hanging with gudgeons in wood altogether a gate  $4\frac{1}{2}$  feet wide at the NE corner of the S. barnyard. Henry put up some fence besides between the little & S. meadow.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 30 Cloudy - very warm - growing season. Fore p't of the day trying to find a scraper to work on the road  
 Cash from Wallace Visited Wallace's store and paid for Mrs Gleason towards a large kettle bo't of her - 56 cents. Applied to V.D. Speigle with his men working on the road for a scraper - without success - On the same errand went to De Stud Deacon Dimmicks' - got nothing. Saw a man there who kept a stud which he highly recommended, did not view him, not esteeming myself a proper judge. From this proceeded to Algiers - visited B. Squires' - found him ill - did not think himself authorized to lend the scraper - at length went to capt Hills & borrowed one & bro't it home about noon.  
 Scraper

Jun 1821 P.M. a party consisting of our three students, Eliza & Lydia Norton, Car-  
 92 oline Parsons, Lydia & Sally & myself visited Bald Hill, a prominent part of Mt Anthony - had the bugle, flute & 2 fifes. By keeping near Bald Hill the brook we were carried to some distance beyond our mark which increased the labor of arriving at our destined object, but when once attained affording us pleasure enough to compensate for all that. The atmosphere was too much loaded with vapor to admit of so clear a view of the surrounding scenery as could have been wished, and the leaves likewise were too far advanced in size not to be a great obstruction to vision.

After 2 hors or so delightfully spent here we descended the hill by the old path and arrived at our several houses without damage. Father & Henry A.M. cut rail timber in the woods - P.M. the latter went-a-fishing Z Harwood the former with Damia rode to uncle Z. Harwood's whose life was rendered precarious by age & disease.

H. Robinson Heman Robinson, sheriff - hired us to pasture a certain mare till Dr Swift J. 12. Dr Swift came down to see mother's arm. Late in the eve'g wrote J. Rogers an order in J. Roger's name for a watch-case of H. Waters left to be gilt at Smith's in Lansingburgh, pr Z. K. Barney, on sd Smith enclosing two 1 dollar bills to pay for the work.

THURSDAY, MAY 31st Cloudy, warm growing season - wd S. Worked on the Highway road. Business was conducted apparently under the work direction of so tottering a character as H. Harwood who was in reality indebted to his persevering friend & neighbor S. Loomis for advice & plan & much of execution. Began at the S. and progressed N. including the Fuller road - Dined at capt Norton's with John Jun. Mr Bliss with Esq Card us. Esq'r Card was tried & cleared for breaking jail limits - couldn't prove it. Capt N. & Luman were jurors. Dimmick sheared our sheep.

FRIDAY, JUNE 1st Cold & rainy all the A.M. - cold & cldy P.M.  
 Veal Sherwood butchered a calf this mg - Frost had a hind quarter - the skin was carried by me to B. Squire's to be tanned at shares. Parsons had business in Algiers at Conklin's deserted stand - D.D. that man whose extravagance, imprudence & dishonesty had ruined him, Conklin lately absconded & broke up house keeping - house, wife & child gone home to father Hubbell's.







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Parsons & I staid some time in town & then came home - had some dark thoughts in the course of our ride which there is no need of explaining, not of the vengeful kind but more of the melancholy, sorrowful cast.

Chamb's  
Dic'ary

Brought home Chambers Dictionary - very pleasing to Morgan. Ist Vol borrowed of O. C. Merrill. Lyman Thayer warned our boys to training

Thunder

SATURDAY, JUNE 2 Some frost this mg - thund. & rain P.M. some hail - but little of either - warm mid-day & P.M. All hand

Highway  
work

on the road again - most of their rates worked out - the operation extended S. from P's bridge, on which & the hill S., many loads of blue slate were carted, to near blue hill - chiefly turn-piking - and a part of a large flat rock half way down s'd hill was removed by blasting. Had no difficulty with anyone except J. F. Billings whom I docked 2 hrs for neglect of business - he worked for Burrel Green. The gent. present at this end of the Dist. were B. Harwood, L. Bliss, R. Kent, L. Jewett, Dickerson, Pierce, Ben Moon, Ben Hand Jun, Burr'l Green, Alger, J. Greenslet, G. House, Granger, H. DeBar, J. Duncan, McCown, besides youths - D. Faxon, Chest Sibley, & N. Norton.

Boarders

All our boarders went home, or say to their several homes.

Pownal

On the road we observed much travelling - Pownal people coming to visit their friends, confined to the jail limits & Bennington lawyers, Justices, sheriffs &c going to Pownal to kidnap more of their poor debtors.

SUNDAY, JUNE 3rd Some cloudy, good weather. Wrote as usual. Perused Chambers & Bigland. Boys all here at night.

Boarders

Montague

Erastus & his journeyman came here & went to capt Barney's.

Highway  
B Squires

MONDAY, JUNE 4 Fine & pretty warm. Carried home the scraper this morning which next day B. Squires said was not capt Hills' but another - the same which he refused to lend me on the 30th. I assured him that he should have his pay for it. I borrowed it without knowing but that it was capt H's - I dislike some movemts but can't stay to write it.

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After returning from Algiers went to Mr Hands to get a set of jams for Erastus. We, in addition to what we had already performed over & above our rate on the highway, worked on the lane below the house till noon.

Highway  
Kent  
Capt  
Brown

Kent & Parsons were with us. P.M. in removing a piece of whole wall from the E. side of the barn-yard, the old cart was broken down.

We settled accounts with Capt Brown against whom we had charged three dollars and thirty cents which left due him, after subtracting it from \$14.09" interest on notes held by the estate of S. Brown deceased, the sum of \$10.79" I immediately rode to town to borrow \$10.00 - and after doing my best could not obtain a single cent.

At F. Blackmer's found Hendryx & F. playing the flute togeth'r - they went into the meeting house and performed awhile - I took some part in the game, but the instrum't on which I played didn't suit me.

Jonathan & Freeb'n were busily employed at rigging out for training

Highway

Our highway rate this yr amounted to \$9.65" & we rendered services to the public to the am't of about \$13.00







TUESDAY, JUNE 5 Extremely warm - thundered & rained late P.M. Early in the m'g visited Dr Swift to borrow money, but he could not spare any - of Luman Norton I obtained \$10 - for 14 days. Paid Capt Brown to capt Brown ten dollars in a Dedham, Ms., bill & 79 cents specie & had it endorsed including the acc't already mentioned, which settled the business in full for the present year on the score of interest - We did this business in the N. front room of the white house. I saw that there was Capt Bro'n lacking \$1/12" on the endorsem't of last year which I had paid to capt B. who had forgotten to endorse it & I had made no other entry of it except in my little memorandum. With respect of the notes against us in favor of the Brown Estate we have annually paid the interest up to the present period. On the morning of the 6th I went to see capt B. about endorsing the \$1.12" which he gave his word should be done - the same day after Sam had been to see our folks, they started for home.

Jun 1821 At the usual hour the different companies assembled to perform their  
95 several parts in the various duties of the day - all made a good appearance - the music was very good - especially that of Capt Hall's company, Training one or two of the fifers being from Pittstown, N.Y. or its vicinity. Our ensign was not present - after muster & roll call in the court house we marched & counter-marched till past 2 o'clock & then Capt B. dismissed us with a short speech - the other companies, particularly the cavalry, maneuvered unusually hard and were on the ground many hours. At Hick's French played the violin. At Hall's office I wrote a letter to Gid Smedley in reply to his of April 15. Intimated how pleased we should be to see them - informed that they were well at Parsons' - that Jon. was well & doing well &c. In the Ed'g Encyclo. read the Biographi'l account of the Fish Ames late Fisher Ames which is elegantly drawn up, but perhaps with some degree of partiality. Mr Kent A.M. worked at new cart tongue & axeltree. Boarders Johnson trained in the horse as bugler - Morgan performed in B's company. Sally this day commenced making cheese.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 6 Really warm - growing season - a little smoky. Hoed Kent corn W. of the barn. Kent worked here a short time Reuben this m'g. Hinman arrived with teams to remove his family to Connecticut. Hinman He came here with them in March 1818. Bliss came where we were at work. Death of Z Departed this life at 4 o'clock P.M. at his house 3 miles N. of the Harwood meeting house, in the 80th year of his age, Zacharia Harwood the last of my grandfather's brothers - but one sister now remaining out of 9 persons composing that family. Uncle Z. was among the earliest settlers of this town, and raised a family of 11 sons 2 daughters by his first wife who died in Sept 1808. He remained a widower about 2 years and then was married to Miss Anthus Amy who is now his widow. He was a man much esteemed by friends & neighbors & left the world with the name of an honest man - kind to the sick & a good companion to those that were in health. J. Rogers Jonathan bro't up his lady here this eve'g.

Jun 1821 THURSDAY, JUNE 7 Some cloudy - sky tinged with smoke. Finished hoeing  
96 W. of the barn besides some of the other field S. of Jona's. Father, Lydia & Damia went to uncle Zachariah's funeral. Of his family he survived 4 of them. Hinman & family departed late this morning for Connecticut. Kent (finished) worked at tongue & axeltree which Hinman next day he finished in style. Smith Montague labored at hoeing here Kent Limekiln half a day. Erastus commenced building limekiln in the N. pt of the y'g orchard.







Hoeing FRIDAY, JUNE 8 Very warm. We compleated the 1st hoeing A.M. I asse  
Frost sisted Mr Kent - got hub-band mended at Frosts -  
Elliott Hill's was there and related some anecdotes of the Robinsons.  
Kent ended his job by noon & worked for Brown P.M. Father & Henry same  
Mrs part of the day assisted Erastus at his kiln. I broke steers. Mrs Par-  
Parsons sons paid out folks a visit this P.M. Eve'g, Elix & Lydia N. came here  
E L Norton & were very sociable and lively - talked with them about Clara a good deal  
S. Robin- Sherwood & Morgan gallanted them home. The oxen were returned from uncle  
son. Sam's this morning by Henry.

SATURDAY, JUNE (9 Very warm a part of the time cloudy & rainy. A.M.  
Late P.M. thund'd & rained hard. A.M. father worked  
Montague for Erastus - Henry all day - Allowing for rain. I was till noon getting  
Boarders help him and everything ready, but the rain & likelihood of more made us  
Montague give it up. We assisted in moving his stove into the stoop. P.M. fixed  
& bolts to gates - took down stoves, stove chimney, & did other choars.  
Rogers Morgan & Johnson went away before night - Sherwood staid & with Rogers  
began to build a showering establish't. Erastus & Jon. were called on by  
their Wilmington friends - they found great difficulty in getting it - &  
had to advance money in lieu thereof. Erastus' man came to with him this  
Mr Marsh P.M. Mr Marsh paid father & mother a visit a short time P.M. Fine grow-  
Sherwood ing season indeed. Sherwood butchered a calf this morning - sent the skin  
to B. Squires' to be tanned on shares.

Jun 1821 SUNDAY, JUNE 10 Chilly & cloudy in the morning, now clear P.M.  
97 Endeavored to read, after finishing my writing, but  
History was much retarded by drowsiness - examined the history of Charlemange  
under article France - took down Chambers a few moments.

MONDAY, JUNE 11th Warm fore p't of the day - quite cold toward eve'g -  
wind hard from the S. Business commenced by going  
to Dr Swift's - hoeing for Dimmick - father, myself & Henry - I plough-  
ed awhile, when uncle S. Robinson came there to have me go to Troy -  
said, Waters & Montague were in great distress for glass, 4 boxes of  
which he instructed me to buy on credit - recommended R.P.Hart's to trad  
trade at - felt in g't haste - went to Dr Swift to borrow \$10 in money -  
he presented the same in speciem - I declined taking it & arranged busine  
ness so as to receive it at the store (office) in paper - fixed off  
soon as possible - got my money in E'n bills as agreed upon & left  
town just as the bells was ringing for 12 O'clock - without stopping to  
bait, or visiting any house, except in one instance, drove to Troy and  
arrived there past 8 in the eve'g. Put up at E. Martin's - formerly  
Niles' upper pt of the town. Took supper & went to D. Merritt & Sons &  
settled with young M. respecting plaster bo't in Feb'y - they acknowl-  
edged the receipt of \$5. 21st of April - 1 day over the agreement, but  
was allowed the deduction agreed upon - a balance of 61 cents being in  
my favor which was pd - too late to do much business - took a walk down  
street - called at a grocery - played the flute a mom't - went on far-  
ther - viewed the new elegant buildings erected since the fire in 1820.,  
many of the ruins yet remaining. Visited the horse-ferry boat which ap-  
peared curious, tho' I had but a superficial moon-light view of it -  
below the boat boarded a sloop - saw another coming in under sail.  
A young man was there who said he had not belonged there long - continued  
down the beech and found an odd contrived building the use of which  
could not discover - returning ~~th~~ into the street & hearing music - went  
to the spot where it was, found a negro performer on the violin in a







cellar room - entertaining some ladies of the same color - stood a little time to hear him - as I came

Jun 1821 away observed a troop of the dusky nymphs making towards that place.  
98 Past 11 arrived at Martin's & went to bed.

Glass

TUESDAY, JUNE 12 Warm from 8 till past 3, some flying clds. Bo't at Merritt's 500  $\frac{1}{2}$  plaster for which paid \$2.20" - At Sillim's & Grant's bo't 4 bhls coarse & two of fine salt, former at 5, the latter at 6/0 9  $\phi$ p. & 3 lbs rice at 4" - in full paid \$4.12 $\frac{1}{2}$ . At Jos Garey's settled a former bill by paying \$2.24 & bo't seal leather at \$ 24" pr lb - paid in full for it \$2.56" At R.P.Hart & Co's bo't 4 boxes Sandlake glass, highly recommended, for \$18.00 at 60 days credit - made the bargain with William Hart - told him that I got it for Elisha Waters & E. Montague who were building a house for Dewey Hubbell - he first put it to me at \$5. pr box, but fell to 4 $\frac{1}{2}$  and then stuck, however, had I been better acquainted with the business I should not have taken it - the final result of this glass trade was that when I got home instead of 7 by 9, such as I bought, they wanted 8 by 10 - might have got it 25" lower in the box - by going off in great haste uncle Sam, who had before sent young Sam without obtaining it at all, forgot to give me a bill of the glass & other articles which I knew nothing of, and I never tho't of asking for such bill - he only informed of the glass, the size of which he omitted mentioning - So much for blunders, besides self incapacity. It was all charged to me. About 8 in the m'g left Troy - at the foot of Tomhannock Hill met Z.K.Barney who was in a one horse waggon - said there were several teams in the rear coming on with paint - his information was confirmed as I came this way - meeting on the hill this side Pittstown meeting house, Jed Dewey, Dav'd Love, Charles Norton & some other persons unknown or not recognized by me - Halted an hour or more at Wadsworth's - uncle Jo gone to Troy - I saw him a few miles this side there this m'g - a man with a wife & two children in a one horse waggon travelling from Perry, Genesee County to Dover, Vt. on a visit - the boy - the youngest of said children was cross - about 2 yrs old - girl 4 or 5 - pretty regular in conduct. Milliman of Hoosack was there - some blue.

Jun 1821 He talked about the intended convention - disapproved of universal suffrage for which our friend Mr Wadsworth was an advocate. From W's drove slowly - met Sol Lawrence on the top of the hill beyond Stanard's - likewise a man with a load of iron shovels made at Salisbury, Vt., going to sell them at Troy - Arrived in Bennington before sunset - they were raising Ira Armstrong's house. At F. Blackmer's left the glass - took in old Mrs P. Crawford, and at E.Waters' took in another and came home - saw Waters and found out my mistake at his house. Henry worked this day at Dr Swift's - father for himself A.M. - P.M. worked for Erastus who had likewise himself, Calvin Gilson, his gouv'n'r and brother Smith at his new limekiln.  
H.DeBar

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13 Hazy & cloudy - warm & rained slightly towards night & in the eve'g. Father & I plastered corn A.M. - worked for Erastus P.M. - Henry was with him all day. His kiln at the



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bottom or lowest of the hither eminence in our young orchard was so far compleated that he commenced plastering the interior with clay mortar which he drew from a bed on gen Robinson's land opened in March last.

THURSDAY, JUNE 14 A very rainy day from the S.E. - chilly - Father was ill - I complained justly of sore ribs - spent no time hardly reading - we mended Sally's cheese-press - Mr Kent paid two visits to us - the last time tinkered the new Harwood churn - paid him in vinegar. I borrowed of Abraham Brown \$5.00 - 1 \$2. bill Albany - \$2. Windsor and 1 do Hartford Phoenix. Jonathan did return not from Algiers till Frid. m'g - went there Wednes'y eve'g. Erastus & hands absent except in the m'g. His kiln was a real fort, having a thick lofty wall in front and both flanks - ages may perhaps witness his immense labors in creating that massive pile, on which they must gaze with astonishment.

FRIDAY, JUNE 15 Fine coolish weather - wind N.W. We began repairing half wall at the S.E. corner of the farm - the fence was erected in 1798 by father & uncle Jonas - was now much sunk in the ground, posts rotted off &c. This business took place P.M. A.M. I took the cart to Frost's to be ironed - Sherwood began breaking young Jenny, the colt. Father & Henry worked 2 or 3 hours a piece for Erastus. Mr Pierce bro't home a roll of cloth lately woven by his wife.

SATURDAY, JUNE 16 Fine growing weather - wind N. Repairing wall went on a-pace - borrowed Brown's oxen. P.M. I paid L. Norton Jun pr Austin Harmon Jun's son \$5.00 in cash borrowed on the 5th inst & called on Col M. for \$5. to pay the residue which must be paid between this time & Tuesday m'g next - but the good man could not muster a cent & could but faintly promise me the sum required by Monday in the course of the day - I felt sad - & could get no relief till arrived at home where found Dr Swift who assured me that I might have it of him - We had been enabled by borrowing as mentioned on Thurs'y and receiving of Bisby within the last ~~10 days~~ 8 days about \$10. for 3 calves & 3 lambs to pay Luman a part of his, & all, except a trifle, that which had been borrowed of Dr Swift - the times were the most distressing for money ever known. Visited Frost twice about the cart which he was ab't ironing - called & talked some few minutes with Judge Fay - found him uneasy about politics. Visited D. Robinson Jr - his house was well rigged out - newly painted & papered - quite fine - he was uneasy - wished he had been bred a farmer.

I asked him about an old affair respecting an acc't against us by the Paran Creek Cotton Factory, which had been paid but never settled - He said he believed the books were kept by Kenion - Hoosick - could do nothing about it. An old gentleman from Pownal went from there while I was within.

Montague & his men had almost finished filling the limekiln - Neighbor Dickenson assisted, this & the preceding day.

Gen Robinson Gen Robinson made curious enquiry of me, but it's no matter. Boarders Sherwood rode home on young Jenny - Johnson went home - Morgan had been here none this week - went on Friday with his sister to the Springs. Mrs Mrs Waters visited a little here this P.M. - rode home with Mother & Waters Lydia from riding to town.







SUNDAY, JUNE 17 Cool & cloudy - wd S.W. Performed the usual course of writing - assisted young Moon to take away a horse whkch had strayed from Levi Jewett's while in town. Salted catt. & sheep

Jun 1821 101 Near night Isaac Brown with father & myself visited the backside of the rocks and saw Old Nancy's young foal by the Teazle. Attended a little to the history of France in 11th Cent'y when the Holy War began. Coming from Church Luman Norton's horses ran away with him and several more of the family - but they were stopped by Erastus this side Pliny Dewey's Glass brook. Wrote a line for Henry H. Robinson to R.P.Hart & Co informing them that I was unfortunate in purchasing their glass - the size too small - price too large - stated circumstances more at large than I am willing to state here - wanted they should take back this & send us 4 other boxes 8 by 10 - same quality at \$4.25" as sold by their neighbors - which I let them know Waters & Montague were apprized of previous to my going to the river but which through hurry of business or something to that import they omitted telling me nor did they instruct me at all, or if any, very loosely on that head - if they had, I told them I should not have traded as I did.

H.DeBar Lem & Henry rode to Hoosack visiting - the former on young Jenny - the latter on the big horse to Mr Lathrop's. Hiram W. I think came here Sherwood tow'd eve'g. Sherwood I mentioned on Saturday.

MONDAY, JUNE 18 Showery in the morning from S.W. P.M. broken clouds-faired away toward eve'g. We procured timber from Frost the woods of which posts for half wall were made. At noon went to Frosts with Brown's oxen to fetch home the new cart-body just ironed. - borrowed Borrowed money of Dr Swift \$5. which I received of Amos at the store - 2 Phoenix (Hartford) 3 \$1 Windsor bills - and when we, in the P.M., resumed the walling L. Nort. business carried the money to friend Luman & paid him the residue of what I had borrowed of him on the 5th inst - the former part of it was better than that which I had rec'd of him, but on account of an unlooked for call from the Atwood's since the above date, he had been obliged to pay out current money every cent of which he wanted to make a paym't at the Bank - Waterford - shewed uneasiness - before 8 o'clock I got the other \$3 in Phoenix, paid him that to his satisfaction - sent the Windsor money back to the store pr Johnson next morn'g.

Jun 1821 102 Erastus late in the morning put fire to his kiln in the midst of a shower of rain - and, about noon, a mom't or two after leaving it to go to dinner, she burst with a considerable report - nearly one-half the wall falling Montagues limekiln catastrophie of our laborious but unfortunate friend. He immediately set bursts. about building another on gen Robinson's land, a short distance W. of our y'g orchard - I went to the Gen myself to solixit leave for Montague so to do - he gave it - saw him at his son David's. On returning home called at Frank B's store - P.Dewey, D.McEwen, S.H.Blackmer, I.J.Hendryx & others of my acquaintance present - played the flute - performed old pie- W.Waters pieces - Ev'g, Parsons visited us. Worthy Waters dined here - compl'd J F Billings ill health. J.F.Billings took away a brown red yearling heifer which had strayed into our enclosures some days since - he was very glad to find her - Hiram Waters engaged us to pasture a horse for him - the beast







was tall & well made.

Wool From 33 sheep was shorn this seas'n about 91 lbs wool, good quality

TUESDAY, JUNE 19 Sound weather - flying clouds from N.W. P.M. showery - thundered - Continued walling - Henry worked P.M. for Erastus at his new limekiln. At Norton's shop we talked during an-hour- shower about the death of Esq'r Smith. Something of Col S. & gov. M. Robinson and their brother Jonathan. The boys tried at noon the new method of raising 6 persons from the ground with their fingers. Tow'd the close of the day Mr Duncan entered the limekiln corps - staid over night.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 20 Cloudy threatening weather, little rain, however, reached this quarter, but a few miles in every direction they appeared to be visited with copious showers attended with thund'r. Henry & I with horses beated stone for repairing wall. Father worked for Erastus who received a reinforcement to his corps in the honorable gent S. Robinson & W, Eldred, P.M. Mr Duncan labored for him all day. Erastus & Henry made great sport for the other boys trying titles at wrestling. Eve'g - Whitecame down at evening to invite hands & teams to a bee at drawing stone for the academy.

Jun 1821 103 THURSDAY, JUNE 21 Great probability of rain existed through the whole day - but so it happened but that a brief shower fell upon us past 12 at noon - we pursued our walling regularly by ourselves - had horses drawing stone - with one of which Damia went home with aunt Sarah Rob. Sarah who had tarried a night & day here. Erastus retained Uncle Sam & Mr Duncan in the limekiln seige - the former went home 9 at night - Montague commenced filling his kiln - he received a visit from a young man arrived from Salem, N.Y. Toend the day Johnson played the fife for Rogers & Sherwood to dance a jig. We sold \$2.50" worth of sheep to Mr Bisby - received pay down - he also bo't of Dimmick a good fat lamb which we had kept for the latter - price \$1. - 4 months old.

Mrs Laura Hill's sent a request to have us visit her at her father's but multiplicity of business and a dark rainy eve'g prevented our compliance. Worthy Waters gave us a call at noon - but was soon off. Johnson first bro't home from the office the new system of Anatomy - published in 1817

FREDAY, JUNE 22 Flying clouds from N.W. quite warm - it rained slightly about midday. Contin'd the above business - had compleated about 20 rods of side wall. Erastus vigorously pursued his kiln - had our team as heretofore - and P.M. Isaac Brown & oxen served him - they filled up the thing 2/3rds full of limestone. Montague rec'd orders from his capt to warn a certain portion of the artillery company to meet on the 4th July to choose officers. Erastus had the same hands again with the addition of young Brown. Our boys were all very lively this evening. Mr Parsons paid us his respects also this eve'g. Visitants Mrs Waters & Melissa Street visited here this P.M. Fine growing season as ever was seen.

SATURDAY, JUNE 23rd Very warm indeed & some smoky. A.M. we secured our fence which we had been a building. Jonathan bro't home soap bro't of Mrs Gleason and a large kettle which he had paid her for - She left here on the 13th for Worcester, Mss. P.M. father & mother







Warning notice. Montague rode in wag'n to Hoosack & returned with Solomon's seal late in the evening. I rode by way of Harvey's, Capt Barney's & capt Dimmick's nearly to Fownal meeting house distributing warnings to a training of the artillery 4th July for Corp'l E. Montague - Made one blunder respecting Abel Dimmick 2d. Erastus compleated his kiln & had himself, uncle Sam & Gillson burning it all night. The boys visited Mackey.

Jun 1821 104 (SATURDAY) SUNDAY JUNE 24 Warm indeed - slight wind N.W. Had all my writing bro't up to the present day in order to post J. Rogers books, but on the eve'g before he visited that woman in Algiers which so engrossed his attention that he could not well attend to other concerns - & who, that has a just view of the human system, could blame him - who can assume all that self denial so much talked of by ministers & philosophers - at once - never tell it - let us enjoy a few fleeting moments of happiness when they come in our way without disturbing our heads about the hidden consequences that may follow. I perused Bigland on the history of France in 12th Cent'y & Chambers on various subjects - eve'g with Docia, Lydia & Sally visited Montague's limekiln which was in full operation - his chief brick maker was with him tending the fire which he appeared to fully understand. S. Robinson Calvin G. was employed in drawing wood. Smith officiated as chief runner. Uncle Sam quitted the station a little before noon to visit father Wimchester's cow. Mr Duncan cleared a little before night on Saturday - was here again, not long, in the P.M. this day assisting at the kiln, but wounding himself in the foot, went off without dinner or supper. Montague's service really required close attention, a rugged constitution & stubborn perseverance. The heat of the weather was very powerful - to which add that of the kiln & it must be necessarily intense,

Heat MONDAY, JUNE 25 Inexpressibly warm, smoky, but litt. wind. We kept very steady at hoeing corn - I performed the plowing - my poor mare at noon & at night had not a dry hair about her. Montague Erastus with unabated zeal pursued the burning of lime. Cal Gillson went to Shaftsbury on our young horse to perform a job at masoning. Gillson Uncle Sam came home in a I horse wag'n with Dema - and then hunting up harness put Waters & Mont's horses before the waggon - assisted about drawing wood &c.

Jun 1821 105 Evening, Eldred came up to assist at the kiln during the night. Fried Morgan again resumed his station here - Johnson absent - Sherwood steady to his post not to mention his traipsing thr' the grass late the preceding night or early this morning. We now plainly saw that above the corn W. of the barn no wheat of any consequence would grow, the pres't season - wished we had plant'd it. To enquire more particularly respecting fr'd M. see art's boarders, p. 100.

TUESDAY, JUNE 26 Very little less warm this day than on the 25 - more smoky - some cloudy - wind arose tow'ds eve'g from S.W. P.M. thundered in the N.E. - lightened sharp at night. Hoed potatoes & corn up S. of Jona's house Dimmick assisted all day & Jonathan also toward the close of the day. About 9 in the eve'g went with aunt Docia, Lydia & Sally to view Montague's limekiln which was







Montague now near the close of its burning - and it was really a curiosity. While we were there he exhibited a specimen of his Herculean perseverance in throwing his wood into the mouth of the kiln near which he  
 Limekiln planted himself in a stooping position receiving wood from uncle Sam & his brother Smik alternately as fast as they could heave it till the arch was filled which took up perhaps 3 or 4 minutes, without giving back an inch. When this manœuvre had ceased he took us rear of the fiert pile and there seemed to enjoy real satisfaction in contemplating the grand effect of his late exertion mixed, I presume, with the anticipation of the future gain about to be drawn from so much labor as he had here laid out. He tho't she would yield him about 500 bhls good lime. Uncle Sam stuck by him night & day - Calvin arrived from Shaftsbury - took his station at the kiln this night. Sherwood went home on the ugly  
 C.Parsons young mare, ill. Carol'e Parsons visited here. Mother paid a brave vis  
 Mother it at L. Dewey's on foot going & returning

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22d No lack of heat (P.M.) 11 A.M. a sudden shower  
 Thunder arose which was of short duration - great thunder E. & N.E. & much rain in that quarter. Finished 2d hoeing & planted nearly  
 Plaster all our corn, of which a part had been served so before - P.M. worked in the garden - father had the head ache.

Jun 1821 Erastus finished burning lime for the present in the night or early this  
 106 morning - himself, uncle Sam & Calvin posted off before noon to town. Smith tarried till P.M. - bro't from the kiln several vehicles of ours  
 Montague used there by his brother and then cleared for town. Evening Morgan & I  
 Chambers looked over books to find out about electricity. In this Chambers was too ancient to afford much light, but in many respects like him well.

THURSDAY, JUNE 28 Air much cooler than it had been, tho' it was still  
 Kent's warm - flying low clouds from N.W. Until noon, fath  
 garden er, Henry & myself were employed, including horse & plough, hoeing corn  
 hoed & potatoes in & about the Dr Fay garden for Mr Kent. Here is room for a few remarks by way of reflection had I talents & time to make them - Some 20 years ago the Dr kept a neat garden here under fine cultivation in good order, well fenced and stored with all the vegetables usually grown in this part of the country - but now mark the contrast - no enclosure, except a distant pasture fence, current bushes nearly destroyed - the old plot occupied with corn, lacking manure & everything around presenting a like melancholy view - the old house appears to be declining fast with age - few objects remaining to remind a person long absent, on taking a gaze here at present, what was going on formerly in this drooping habitation - but so we see the world goes.

Ingenuity P.M. the garden was dressed out & a floor to the cart-body laid, which last I performed myself - rather coarsely - pretty permanent, but took too much time for father, who made no allowance for a raw workman looking up materials, losing & hunting tools which when found were but indifferent things. Johnson arrived from visiting his friends at the N.  
 Johnson - made music in the evening - with which we were well entertained.  
 Music

They had heavy music in town - heard the drums very distinctly.  
 Dr Love Jonathan related the story of David Love's getting chairs of Dix in an underhand way - too long & intricate a story for me to tell - I dont buy chairs in that way - I can trade without recourse to an officer.







Jun 1821 FRIDAY, JUNE 29 Fine - air cool - flying clouds - wd N.W. Father & Mother rode to Steph'n Harwood's - the former to get  
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rakes mended for haying, the latter for the sake of a short visit & the  
Health benefit of riding - she felt unusually smart about these days - had a  
Eldad new bonnet with which she attended Friday meeting. They saw uncle Eldad  
Dewey Dewey wh<sup>o</sup> had been in a declining state of health for several weeks past  
he appeared to be considerably affected at seeing my mother - it will be  
recollected that they were first cousins.

G.Randall Uncle Gid. Randall came, by my request, to do a job at tinkering he  
here, but the ladies having had their ware otherwise made whole, without  
informing me in time to give uncle G. notice of it, I had to dismiss the  
poor man without employing him - gave him a glass of cider - however,  
taking his case into serious consideration - tho't, as it might appear to  
him that I had imposed on him - as his health was impaired in various  
ways having been by a great cold in Feb'y last deprived of his voice, not  
being able to communicate his thoughts by any other means than whispering,  
& above all his age and low circumstances, I had treated him too  
coldly, tho' I apologized for the business as handsomely as I could -  
still felt melancholy - thinking I ought to have bestowed something upon  
him for his comfort - and to make him sensible for my respect for age  
would not permit me to treat it with neglect -

Montagues Digging stone was the business A.M. & P.M. father joined us & progressed slowly with that wall mentioned p. 99 Erastus & his brother  
lime Smith opened his limekiln - sold a load of lime to capt Barney - himself  
with off to other business leaving Smith to manage at the kiln - S. staid  
staid with us all day. Near night visited friend Luman who spoke of the  
storm which took place on Wednesday - he said it rained a good deal at  
their house & vicinity - he noticed particularly that it rained powerfully  
at the S.E. - we heard great roaring from that quarter - and they  
Thunder really had a most terrible storm of thunder, hail & rain.

Our garden was not laid out stylishly at all, but everything in it  
appeared to flourish finely - a circumstance very pleasing.

Jul 1821 SATURDAY, JUNE 30 Smoky, really warm, with flying clouds. Father & mother  
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went after rubbing off the mud from the sides of  
the waggon and going through other preparatory maneuvers, on a visit to  
Visit to Petersburg. Henry with oxen & waggon bro't a load of spruce boards comprising 669 ft,  
Peters'h prising 669 ft, pretty decent for fence, knotty & some shaky, from Mr  
Boards fr Thayer's - J. Rogers rec'd them of Sim Jun'r & we had them of the former  
Thayers P.M. H. got up the yearling colt, scraped off what he could of his long  
J.Rogers hair, made strong suds with which he peps'd him well for the purpose of  
destroying lice and then turned the lean character whence he took him.  
From 10 A.M. till about 4 or 5 P.M. I was busily employed posting books  
for Jon Rogers whose books were closed in good order.

Bolt'd R. rode to House's, returned & went to Algiers to sleep - Bolt'd  
Noble Noble bro't his leather & agreed for a pr of shoes for his wife - we  
laughed together about these late married folks, especially as get sued  
for their wedding coats. Henry & I ended the day laying a roof of our  
Boarders new boards over the N. pt of the wood-pile. Morgan & Johnson tarried at  
night - cheerf'l & lively.

SUNDAY, JULY 1st Warm & cloudy - P.M. more cool - wind strong S.W. -  
looked for rain. Wrote a lengthy letter to uncle  
Jonas of Ohio - Informed him among a variety of articles, of the exit of







Letter F. Jewett, O. Perry, S.B. Young & uncle E. Harwood - of J. Rogers' marriage  
to Jonas that of Ab Noble to J. Downs' widow & of her daught'r to his son - of  
Harwood Hicks, W. Haswell, H. Allen - Clar & Sally Loomis having become members  
of the church &c. The letter is so long & full that I shall not attempt  
any further account of it.

Montague Montague, late in the eve'g, had to gather up boards & cover his  
H. Waters limekiln - between 9 & 10 when he got through. Hiram Waters spent a lit  
tle time here with his brother's curious cane.

Rain MONDAY, JULY 2d Warm, smoky & cloudy A.M. - Began very moderately to  
rain at noon - poured down bountifully as night drew  
Academy on. Henry was sent away to join a great number of teams drawing stone  
stone for the academy gratis - took out a load of lime for Erastus to D.

Jul 1821 Hubbell's - It was a very bad P.M. for the Academy business. My employ'  
109 mt was made up of divers choars. Father & mother arrived as it commenc-  
ed raining from Petersburg where they had an excellent visit - met with  
nothing to mar their pleasures. Friend Luman returned from his fathers  
where he had been in low health, but had to assist at drawing sand -  
business crowding hard - building going on &c. - he felt low spirited.  
Boarders Morgan entered upon the study of Botany - Johnson read Spaff'd a little.  
Adeline I bro't from the school house on horse-back Adeline along with Andrew  
Parsons - poor Ad., after getting into the chimney corner grieved sorely  
S. Montague Smith M. spent the day here - he measured lime - Erastus sold 2  
loads besides what he took himself.

TUESDAY, JULY 3rd Foggy dull mg - cloudy till past 12 - P.M. clear.  
Stephen cool all day - particularly at night - fears of fro  
Harwood frost - Late in the morning rode to mill & to S. Harwood's - had not mend  
ed the rakes - saw Jured, David & Emiline his children - paid aunt Han-  
nah a visit on business - at Thayer's left an errand in writing in J.  
Rogers Rogers' name to have the next load of boards to be had of them, pine.  
Green & On my way back to town bro't S. V. Green & S. Dewey up meeting house  
Dewey hill - they talked of serious affairs - the shortness of life &c. Old  
Chambers Mr D. not likely to remain long - At Col M's office left the great direc-  
tion dictionary there, borrowed some days since - Left my letter to un-  
Diction'y cle Jonas at the P.O. came home & joined father & Henry in pulling up  
Parasnips parsnips which were very plenty in spots - they had mowed thistles A.M.  
Mrs Eve'g rode to town - carried in the wagg'n Mrs Crawf'd to Blackmer's  
Crawford store or say to capt Squires' - Sold to Fassett butter at 0/9 pr lb to  
Butter the am't of 78". Visited Mr Kellogg at his office - heard him & Mr Hunt  
H. Kellogg talk highly in favor of Petrs - talked of Divinity, Law & Physic.  
Sherwood At Patchins' Mr A. Shwerwood's horses hitched to the ~~log~~/w/ long  
waggon got down - but were soon restored.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 4th Fine cool growing weather, wind N.W. Busy till  
past 2 P.M. repairing a bridge across the hither  
brook & mending the







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Officers road toward the limekiln - we then went to town to see Inspector H. Robin  
 Training son manœuvre the officers of the regiment, which he handsomely performed  
 Goodrich Goodrich of Hoosack made a very singular, odd & ridiculous appear-  
 ance driving through the street in his chaise, turning & riding round in  
 every direction, hallooing & using the most indecent language, and putt-  
 ing the people standing around, in danger of having their bones broken.  
 They stilled him awhile but by putting his horse out of the thills, but  
 he soon resumed his station & carried on much as he had done.

Called at White & Hall's where I saw EsqR Henry, Judge J.H. Olin,  
 Joel Pratt Esq, Capt Hicks, & Andrew Wood besides Judge Wright of Pownal  
 Money pf Viewed the books - went to Hicks' & saw some fiddling & dancing - next on  
 Dr Swift the hill - pd Dr Swift, toward borrowed money \$1.25 - let Bisby have a  
 Ferguson Bath, Me bill \$1. to pay me another more current. Talked very agreeably  
 on Civil with Mr Kellogg who informed me that he was educated at Yale College -  
 Society left there Sept 1815 - borrowed of him Fergusson on Civil Society.  
 H. DeBar Morgan & Johnson visited Buel Norton's in Pownal - had our horse & waggon  
 Henry devoted all day to his pleasures.

THURSDAY, JULY 5 Cold cloudy mg - but fair fine day - in the mg visi-  
 Hicks Jr ted Hicks' stud & there joined father & Henry in hoe  
 Potatoes ing potatoes. Jonathan rode out with Parsons to Pownal. The boys play-  
 Rogers ed hard indeed at night. Mr Brown had begun haying. Dr Swift came to  
 Dr Swift see Damia.

H Parsons FRIDAY, JULY 6th Cool & very fair A.M. - P.M. wd S. some wldy.  
 Hoeing We worked hard at hoeing. Harry Parsons worked 2/3d  
 S Robin- of the P.M. here. Uncle Sam drew lime for Montague. He & Smith with  
 son team put in here for the night. Nancy & Harriot Watson with their young  
 Nancy est brother made our ladies a visit - the former left this neighborhood  
 Watson in 1815, resided most of the time since at Castine, State of Maine.  
 Lucy Lucy, Polly & Nathan'l Robinson pd our people a visit also. Our  
 Robinson corn W. of the barn grew nicely.

SATURDAY, JULY 7 Quite warm - cloudy - hard shower late at night.  
 Parsons & his son Harry assisted us to finish hoeing  
 by 11 A.M. - we then spent an hour in the garden - Mr Bliss with us .  
 P.M. entered Parsons

Jul 1821 garden joined by Lem & Johnson & hurried off his hoeing in a trice -  
 111 this being done we set down & talked awhile - then came home - had razor  
 ground, shaving performed - work done in the garden 'c. When mother &  
 Visit at Dama returned from visiting at Babbett's - Lem J. ' myself about sunset  
 Sherwoods put in young Jenny with yg Nancy before the big waggon & rode to uncle  
 L. Sherwood's where we arrived about 10 O'clock - soon after which it  
 rained hard - without thought thunder though it had lightened sharply before .  
 Morgan rode home on the yg horse which he got shod toward the use of him  
 Academy Henry with our oxen & cart drew stone for the academy - gratis. Sherwood  
 Sherwood & Johnson killed the last veal calf we had this season - 6 wks old &  
 veal weighed 77 lbs.

SUNDAY, JULY 8th Very nice growing pleasant flying cloudy day. In  
 the mg felt some ill - but before night got over it -  
 Jenmy Rule, an elderly Scotch mason who had finished a job in his line  
 kept Sabbath here - Came to America in 1796 - Lem & Johnson went with  
 the girls to hear Elder Witherall. I went with Lyman Sher'd, Wm Rose,







his cous'n, and Levi Howard through the lots down to the river on David Henry's land below Bill Bracey's - the 2 first bathed - other characters visited the spot - but didn't go in - as we came along up a warm dispute arose between Howard & Lampman about racing horses, shall pass it over without mention - A young couple was talked of who were married on the Earl Percy 1st instant at the Chequered House - Earl Percy to Miss Polly Doty on Mr sudden notice. Ended the day viewing Mr S's farm, dairy, cattle &c - he Sherwood took me all around himself - told how long he had been acquiring the property - the toils he had endured - & a great many interesting particulars which I have not time nor ability to write - had 21 first rate cows - his other creatures & the pastures in which they ran, looked finely indeed - they made large good looking cheeses - everything in good order. We arrived here after sunset - Morgan got home from Pownal also.

Jul 1821 MONDAY, JULY 9 Fine, warm & smoky. We entered upon hay'g in the lit  
112 tle meadow. A Mr Somebody visited Sherw'd mid-day -  
Tinkered cart - & P.M. rode to town with mother in the wag'n - led the  
old mare - paid another visit to Hicks' on the old business - bo't 2  
Haying scythes & 4 whet stones of Harry Robinson for \$2.50 on Cr. Mother & Mrs  
H Robinson Dickinson came home in the wag'n together - I followed when I had waited  
an hour for Hicks to return from his farm, but he came not - I was with  
Montague Brooks, Rider, Frost, Elliott, Hill &c - S. Montague measured out 2 lds  
lime in A.M. for Capt Barney & Brown. I must add a line to Sunday - Mr  
Sherwood S. was considerably engaged at building - had been 3 weeks building high  
walls N. of his house - would lay it aside till after haying - his farm  
consisted of about 200 acres of good land.

TUESDAY, JULY 10 S. wind, warm rain expected, Haying made up the bus  
Parsons iness - got in load from the litt. meadow. Parsons  
drew his wood in under his bark house. Our boarder boys worked late at  
Rogers the Dr's getting in hay. Jonathan went to Algiers with wool that he had  
bo't to get it carded - the boys rode home with him in the lit. wag'n.  
Lists The grass we cut this day was rank & stout. We sent in by F. Johnson the  
1821 the lists of B. Harwood, H. Harwood & J. Rogers - Damia wrote a letter  
Letter to to C. Harwood which was this day put in the P.O. Let me say that Benj'n  
C Harw'd Allen dined at Mr Sherwoods - had been laying stone wall for the Shakers  
Benj Allen at Lebanon - related many particulars respecting them which were very  
amusing.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 11 Rained handsomely all the m'g. P.M. flying clouds -  
wind N. cold at night. Mowing & grinding scythes  
Rogers employed us in fair weather. J. Rogers turned out half a day. The stu-  
Robinson dents at eve & g shewed their prowess at shaving meadow. Uncle Sam &  
& Eldred Eldred worked the P.M. digging stone in the woods for Erastus. Mr Bliss  
L. Bliss came down about 2 P.M. on an errand - Father's list - 1821 - thus - Poll  
100 acres - land - 14 steers & cows - y'k oxen - 6-2 yrs old - 3 horses  
& 1 house.

Jul 1821 THURSDAY, JULY 12th Cold morning, a good fire was wanted with closed  
113 doors - Cloudy & Cool all day - wd N. A consider-  
able piece of mowing was executed in the N.W. quarter of the S. meadow.  
Lydia, Sally & Damia went in the litt wagon on a visit at Mr Watsons' -  
Sage's City - to see Nancy & Harr't







FRIDAY, JULY 13

Cool morning again - cool all day &amp; cloudy - rained very suddenly a little past 12 at noon - this put us

Hay wet out about making hay - had a good deal exposed - spread out, partly taken & in tumbles - but bad as it was we contrived to dry & get in about 2½ tons first quality had been completely cured. Smith Montague worked here half a day - left here at noon - Johnson rode to Cousin Stephen's Boarders & from thence bro't 5 rakes which he had repaired for us. Our boys visited Brown's at night - Damia did not return with L. & S. but remained Mrs Babb'tat W's continueing her visit - Mrs Babbett & her daughter Eliza paid us a short visit here & bro't with her the last ~~p/p~~ part of a piece of tow cloth measuring 34½ yards.

SATURDAY, JULY 14

Quite cool for the season - fair till P.M. when there were flying clds from N. We got in all the

hay we had out - Had more than 3 acres mowed in the S. meadow - some in the N. and a strip in the Litt. Meadow - reckoned our hay on hand at 6½ tons - Mrs Duncan came to pay us a visit - we talked loud about running to the merchants - getting in debt &c to no purpose I dare say. Johnson bro't Damia home from Watson's - had a pretty little row in the eve'g by music of the flute. Erastus & Smith on the gr'd at night. Our boys, Boarders the students, were all present this night in good cheer.

SUNDAY, JULY 15

Very fine - cold m'g &amp; eve'g - Our people turned out to meeting as usual - Hendryx, C. Hull, who was now

Hull's boy buried absent in Canada, had a little son buried aged 3 years - a stranger filled the pulpit and detained the people long. I paid J. Not'n a vis't this P.M. - left there as they were getting supper. Morgan went early to Pownal. Erastus in his new waggon visited Cambridge. Rogers & Sher'd went to Mr Sherwood's

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At the close of the day carried home Mrs Duncan or rather stopped with her at Mr Carpenter's - saw Amanda D. there - said their dairy consisted of 18 cows. Mrs C. was very ill of a sore eye. S. Loomis with his lady had paid them a visit - I bro't the latter down to her house. Morgan arrived from home early in the eve'g. H. Waters called in a few mom'ts

MONDAY, JULY 16

Fine hay day - fair &amp; very warm - signs of rain, wd S.W. A very considerable piece in the S. mead'o was

J. Rogers was cut down & got in all complete - Jonathan & Joseph assisted - This morning paid Lucius Adams a visit and agreed with him to card our wool for cider & apples - at 6" if he found oil - if not 4" pr lb. Mother Eldad visited her cousin uncle Eldad Dewey whom she found in a very low situation - She spent the P.M. at Waters'. Harry Parsons helped us at raking H. Parsons hay this P.M.

TUESDAY, JULY 17

Cloudy - cool wind - S- rain expected. Three acres of the upp'r pt of the S. meadow was mown &amp; drawn

in - it produced about as usual - the same assistance except Harry. Johnson I played for Freeb'n to dance in the eve'g till he sweat like a man - a-mowing. Damia visited at Mr Loomis'. Mr Morgan & I at table talked a little of history. We reckoned our hay in the barn at about 12 tons.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 18

Looked likely to rain in the morning &amp; between 11 &amp; 12 there was a slight shower - wind changed to N.W.

& tow'd night about cleared up cool. Business did not go rapidly -







Fay's raising Jon. & Jo. worked in the shop - Father & I labored till noon & then went to E. Fay Jun'r's shed raising - Henry continued mowing till nearly night The building raised was 40 ft in length & I should say over 20 wide - The persons, as nearly as I can recollect, attending, were J. Loomis, Sam & Bliss, his sons, B. Harwood, S. Palmer, J. Duncan, R. Kent, (Master) Granger, J.F. Billing, L. & J. Norton Junr, L. Jewett, P. Smith, W. Smith

Jul 1821 115 G. House, Dan'l Rogers Junr, a spectator, Sam Lawrence, Z. Pierce, and perhaps some others who I am unable to call to mind. Mr Lawrence wanted to make a bargain for our young horse, but it all fell through. Granger told me he was born at Guilford, Vt., March 1775 - left college before his time expired and went to sea at New London - had kept a regular journal ever since up to the present time - so I rec'd it from him. On our return called a mom't at capt N's - found him heating a kiln of brown ware - some lively things were said & we departed - Parsons was with us and ought to have had his name inserted above - Sally rode with Damia around the Algerian square & left the youth at capt N's - returned herself with a few rolls of wool. Sherwood & J. Hand were not in health. Boarders J. Rogers went to Algiers to sleep - Johnson exercised the boys at fifing - Morgan joined the corps - nor did he get time to read as usual.

THURSDAY, JULY 19 Fine temperate weather, flying clds, signs of rain, wd S.W. We mowed till noon & P.M. got in all the S. Meadow hay on E. side of the upper S. meadow as well as a considerable little load this side the upp'r brook - the ground gone over might have produced 12 tons, whereas so poorly did it turn out that it yielded little over three. Parsons and his son Harry likewise J. Hand assisted at raking P.M. Johnson unfortunately wounded himself badly with a pen knife - Sherwood rode off on young jenny - being in poor health - could not study Boarders Morgan had the goodness to drive our team to pasture at night. Jon. & Hen. performed handsomely.

FRIDAY, JULY 20 Warm & cloudy - signs of rain all day - rainy at night. A piece, which as a piece, produced pretty well S. of the dry brook E. side of the lane stretching to the upper brook - widest at the N. end, was mown, hay raked & got in altho' too green - Mr Bliss assisted 1/3d of the day on Erastus' account - he gathered flags A.M. for chair bottoming. Joseph worked at Brown's till noon & for us P.M. Hen. & Jon. mowed handsomely. Mother visited at Waters - Sally carried yarn to be woven at Pierce's.

Jul 1821 116 SATURDAY, JULY 21st Fine & temperate - a great hay day - wd N. & we well improved it by laying down about 3 acres the chief of which lay W. of the barn in the N. meadow. Sherwood introduced a method of drawing in hay, new to us - it was by means of a rope so contrived as to begin at the end of a winnow with the team & driving forward it would take up the whole at a sweep - a few motions of the pitchfork being necessary to aid in the business. S. himself superintended the operation till the completion of the job. We were well provided with assistance. Harry & Andrew Parsons from about 9 A.M. - S. Montague & J. Hand the former from 10 in the m'g, the latter P.M. ended the days wk about 5 o'clock - every one pursued his own course after that. Sherwood behaved very spiritedly - great credit is due his white hat on this memorable







occasion. Damia & Sally rode to town this m'g to visit S. & Pickett's store. Sophia Billing came to see Jonathan to agree for a pr of morocco shoes - she's a smart old maid aged about 37. Lydia Norton paid her respects to Damia this P.M. - found access to this important work & devoted a few moments to the perusal of it. She carried home with her the 1st Vol of My newspapers - "The World" - Neither Morgan nor Johnson went home - with the latter I enjoyed great pleasure in practicing music - Lem was also here but went to rest early. Jon. step'd down to Algiers to visit that young woman - he had well earned his reward this day - he & Henry had performed admirably well.

Death of Capt Burt Died on the 11th inst Capt Wm Burt in his 84 th year, about 30 yrs since emigrated from Taunton, or its neighborhood, Mass, to this town - he maintained a respectable character and left several children to inherit what he left behind him - I ought not to omit that he left an aged widow.

Letter from A. Harw'd June 30th - the usual strain - 19200 Methodists were added to their order in the U.S. during the yr past. News came that Professor Dewey's wife of Wmstown, lay at the point of death. Little Heman Robinson paid us a visit - caught a fall upon his head swinging in the stoop

JUL 1821 SUNDAY, JULY 22d Cool eve'g & M'g - tolerably fair with signs of rain  
117 In the morning an unruly black stag was poked, but it answered no good purpose, as he leaped over the barn-yard wall & away Peters' went pillgarlick. Had the jaw-ache & read Ferguson on Civil Society. election. Mr Peters it was said was now engaged on the great question of Election. Bonaparte Our students except Freeb J. who rode yg Jenny to see his mother, kept Sabbath here. News was in circulation that Bonaparte had departed this life

Harvest MONDAY, JULY 23d Cloudy & warm with great signs of rain - wd S.  
Rogers We began harvesting rye next to the Brown woods -  
Bliss Jon. & Hen. cradled - Isaac Br'n who was ill came to see us - likewise  
Johnson Mr Parsons. Mr Bliss pulled flax for us - related anecdotes as usual. Johnson exercised his fifers at night agreeable to the late practice - "The Roving Sailor" was performed in style.

Rain TUESDAY, JULY 24 Lowery & warm all day, some rainy, wd S.W. rained steadily at night. Continued harvest - were kept out of the field till past 9 A.M. by rain - and ~~raised~~ w/ rain was supposed a blessing at this time. Eve'g perused the sketch of Gay's Life in Univ'l Biog'y - born 1688 - died 1732. Read one of his Fables about "The Man, Cat, Dog & Fly" in which is much solid moral instruction. Gay was one of Popes' greatest friends - both born in 1 yr.

Thunder WEDNESDAY, JULY 25 Very foggy & wet in the morning, rained some before noon so that we had to quit work. P.M. heavy clouds arose from N.W. but did not finally rain till night at this place when it poured down violently, accompanied with thunder - extremely warm throughout the day. Harvest progressed but slowly indeed. Jon. & Hen. cradled a few swaths - the rain came on - they retired - the latter with Ben. Jo & Dam - Hand went to visit the elephant - after, after tinkering about different choars Jon. & I rode to town and to Algiers - carried to Adams' Elephant Machine 15 lbs wool - saw great numbers visiting the elephant exhibited







at capt M. Robinson's new barn E. of the meeting house. Late in the day Lydia, Sally, Damia & myself rode quarelling round by Smith's to the maple tree at Capt Hill's & then in a crowd viewed the beast which had been suffered to bathe in

Jul 1821 Safford's Mill Pond - this last exhibition was made in consequence of a  
118 small subscriptions by the Algerians - I believe their price at the stand was 12½" for grown persons & half price for children - It was a female - she very adroitly performed many rational actions such as persons unacquainted with this noble animal would not suppose it capable of doing. We saw her returned to capt R's barn - came home - took a late supper.

Dewey Cousin Dewey Duncan & lady supped here on their way from the show to  
Duncan Pow'l.

THURSDAY, JULY 26 Warm - flying clds - some few drops of rain - wd N.  
Rogers' Work continued the same - Jonathan at the commence't  
wounds of his day's labor by an unfortunate turn of his cradle cut himself badly just below the left knee-pan which obliged him to retreat out of the  
Morgan field. Morgan, who happened to be cradling in company, remained at his post till Dr Heman came down to dress the wound and then departed - P.M. had the yg horse to ride to Pownal. We had all the rye next the meadow in stook at night.

FRIDAY, JULY 27 Fine & not over warm. Business in the ryefield about  
S.Montague 10 A.M. took a lively slide by the arrival of S. Montague who spent the subsequent part of the day raking, binding, & carrying shieves. Henry wrought wonders with his cradle. All our ladies except mother withour boarders in 2 l horse wagg's gathered whortleberries on S. Ridge. A Connect't gent presented me for same Butler's History of the U.S. - could not buy.

SATURDAY, JULY 28 Warm & hazy - wind S.W. Finished harvesting rye ab't  
DeBar 10 A.M. at which time DeBar presuming his stint he had set himself finished, took the remainder of the day to himself - rode  
Rogers about town with J. Rogers who performed upon crutches - staid at Algiers  
Bliss this night. We assisted Mr Bliss at completing the flax pulling, which happ'd before night. Mr B. had worked here little more than half the day  
S. on Friday. Mrs Waters paid our ladies an P.M. visit. Our boys all appe  
Montague peared cheerful & gay at night. S.Montague continued working for us through the day. Perused French History in the eve'g.

Jul 1821 SUNDAY, JULY 29 Pretty warm - cloudy & looked likely to rain till the  
119 after pt of the day. In the course of the day perused Fergusson on Civil Society - Genesis from the 10th to the 20th Chapt'r - a little in Butler - & Bigland on the History of Scotland down to the end of the administration of Wallace & beginning of the reign of Robert 1st., - commence't of the 14th Century.

Lyman Sherwood came here this morning to have Lem draw a tooth for him - L. took hold, but fearing to take a final gripe which he thought might break the jaw-bone, desisted after bravely loosening it in the socket. Lyman then seized the forceps - taking a looking glass in one hand and with the other extracted the tooth like a hero. L. rode home in co. with him & returned this eve'g. Mr Gridley of Wmstown preached here while our minister performed at that place in his stead. Mr Busby visited me.  
Gridley  
Busby







Heat MONDAY, JULY 30th One of the warmest days experienced in this country - the thermometer stood in the shade at 88 - in the sun at 115 degrees - cloudy & smoky. A small piece of poor win'r wht was cradled, raked, bound & Dutched up - the swale mowed & got in yielding half a ton or more - Joseph assisted over half a day - Jonathan visited Mrs Babbett with yarn to weave - came home with grist from mill & rolls from Esqr Noble carding machine. We spent a few mom'ts with Esqr Noble & lady of Pownal & lady - the latter said she was aged 78 the present month - received from her Mrs verbally a list of the family of Jedediah Dewey, her grandfather, which Parsons shall appear at p. 124 Mrs Parsons paid her respects here this P.M. Montague Dama rode to town along with her this eve'g. After dark Erastus & W. Eld'd came down - they had compleated burning a brick kiln of 200,000 bricks & had pretty good fortune in the thing - worked hard enough to merit it.

In regard to the tooth adventure mentioned on Sunday, not being a constant bystander I could not state circumstances with quite that precision which otherwise might have taken place - Morgan, I am told, held the mirror for Lyman while he pulled his tooth.

Aug 1821 TUESDAY, JULY 31 As smoky as on the 30th & 4 degrees hotter. We mowed 120 about 2 acres, or so, in the N. mead'o which yielded pretty well lying N. of the orchard - got in all this hay amt'g to about 3 tons - Joseph assisted - Hen did not progress quite so curiously as he J. Hand had done a few days back, but performed tolerably decent. Eliza & Lydia Em Loomis Norton this eve'g paid our ladies a visit in good spirits. It was Emma Norton Loomis, not Eliza Norton, that accompanied Lydia here this eve'g. Death of Deaprted this life early this morning in his 74th year, after an illness of several months, Mr Eldad Dewey - He was the only remaining representative of Jedediah Dewey by his first wife - the latter was the first pastor of the Congregational Church in Bennington and died near the close of the year 1778 - He was the eldest of my great-grandfather's Dewey's 3 sons. Mr E.D. supported a respectable character - left a handsome property to the three son and six daughters (six daughters it should be).

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 1 Muggy warm - some rainy late in the day. Mowing in the Nth Meado was compleated in 2 square pieces - the one at the N. end - the other bounded W. & N. by the plough-field - had Parsons to leave out a part of the hay on account of the rain. Parsons assisted & Harry at raking & a little at pitching - rather more than an hour - Harry worked for us all for about 4 hours - and J. Hand half a day - Jonathan rode with Parsons out to Sage's City - returned at noon, married Damia to Mr Boarders Loomis' P.M. and returned by way of Algiers bringing home rolls from the carding machine - Eve'g the students made down to Mr L's after Damia.

THURSDAY, AUG. 2d A red mg - warm with flying clds - thermometer stood in the shade at 85 degrees. What was usually termed Rye the old sheep-pasture was cleared of rye which made about 6 loads - per Harry Parsons 83 shocks - got in 1 load of hay besides - Harry Parsons assisted us Parsons from 10 A.M. till night. The remains of Mr E. Dewey were interred. Fath Visit at er, Lydia & Damia attended the funer'l. Lyd., Sally & D. visited at Mr Godfrey's Godfrey's P.M. Friend Brown wanted the money which I borrowed p. 99







Aug 1821 121 FRIDAY, AUG. 3d Appeared likely for rain all the mg - but it only scattered a little lightly between 10 A.M. & 1 P.M. after which it cleared up very warm - the heat was at 82 degrees in the shade. A great thund'r cld appear'd in the N. at night. We compleated carting in our winter grain, of which there was but 1 load of wheat & that half grass & chess - Parsons & I performed this by about 4 P.M. - then 3 loads of hay was got in - the first of which Eldred pitched - the other 2 I assisted at - Hen. loaded as usual. Eldred came to work here, say 10 A.M. - Parsons & Harry came earlier & performed well - The mowing this day executed, was on the flat in the S. meadow in the neighborhood of the walnut tree - but unluckily performed in slovenly style.

Thunder

Parsons & Harry Eldred

J.Rogers H.Waters Dancing Capt Waters

J.Rogers

Hiram Waters with H. Blackmer came to do Jonathan's joiner work at the old house. Hiram & Lem. in the eve'g did a hard job at dancing with petticoats on over their pantaloons - Johnson played - they sweat themselves thoroughly. Capt Waters dined with us and was unusually gay - made many queer jests that were unusually pleasing to our boys - Jonathan whose wound prevented his regular attendance upon business - found himself pretty fully employed waiting upon his joiners - collecting materials &c

SATURDAY, AUG. 4th At the highest the thermometer stood at 84 deg. but P.M. cool blasts blew up from N.W. - smoky & cloudy - a sweating day. Much was done in the E. pt of the S. mead. toward the completion of haying - what was mown was all got in, well hayed too - the burthen on the little piece beyond the brook below Jona's house was great, but taking all the other collectively it produced about as usual.

Montague S.Montague & Eldred

Erastus, Eldred & Smith again - the first came late in the mg, went away at noon - Parsons came on still later but worked well, he & Smith carted the flax at a load. Mr Bliss likewise came with Erastus and very cheerfully passed off the day working & telling stories - it was by his vigilance that the thick clover on the spot mentioned above was dried so thoroughly - Reckoned the hay carted this day at 5 tons. H.Waters with his friend Holland B. having fixed up Jon. pretty nicely, took up their tools & walked. Morgan bro't in the vag. Dama from Algiers - Johnson assisted at pitchin up or on the last load of hay which was thrown up tolerably lively by him & Eldred about sun-set.

Mr Bliss

J.Rogers house Boarders.

Aug 1821 122 SUNDAY, AUG. 5th Some part of the day pretty warm - toward eve'g it blew up cool from N.W. - flying clouds & some smoky.

Rode in a 1 horse wag. with Morgan to his father's in Pow'l - made a short halt - was introduced to the heads & several members of the family Mr M. had been and still was afflicted with a violent tooth-ache. Drove to the village - entered the Lord's house and heard Elder Leland preach from a text in Jeremiah - 31 C. - 2-3-4th V. Slept some in spite of loud calls & raps from our speaker - he however made out very rousing sermon, after which Mrs Buck had her sentiments to offer in a tone that no less astonished than disgusted me - To close the business the intention of marriage between A.F.Sheldon of Burlington, N.Y. & Miss Clarissa Gardn'r - Daughter of Charles G. of Pow'l was published - they were immediately wedded together after service - numbers were going to see them as we came away. During my attendance at church fixed my eye upon a little girl whose countenance indicated really active, good & lively in her character - walked to A. Squires' with Morgan where she also came - enquired her out - found her age to be 11 - under size - daughter of

Visit to Pownal

A. F. Sheldon







Widow Yates - origin rather obscure & altho' she made use of good manners probably her destiny would be bad from the mode in which she might be educated. Dewey Duncan invited me over to L. Staunton Esq's - there saw his mother - Mr Eldred & lady, Mr & Mrs Buck and a handsome young woman the wife of Ezra Knapp. Mr S. would not at this time lend his big book to Frank - so we rode back to his father's - talked with the good man, looked at books, dined sumptuously - closed a pleas't visit & came home by about sun-set. At their meeting they had but one exercise. Our young couple I was informed were about 19 - & kept the flame alive by letter-writing - the bride a professor of religion supporting a fair reputation. Capt Brown arrived from Conn.

MONDAY, AUG. 6th Cool - wind N.W. flying clds. light shwrs P.M.

J. Rogers low - Jonathan lent a hand P.M. Parsons visited us near night. In the  
Borrowed mg paid Ab Brown \$5. borrowed of him p. 99 - to do which we had to borrow  
money \$4 of Dr Swift. Sold 21½ lbs cheese to Frost - sent it pr Mr Bates.  
paid.

Aug 1821 TUESDAY, AUG 'T 7th Cool & Foggy in the morning - midday very warm in  
123 open air but in shade the thermometer arose only to  
about summ'r heat, flying clds - lightning gleamed from E. & N.E. after  
Parsons dark. Nesrly all our sprg wht was raked, bound & drawn in - Parsons  
& Harry assisted us about it from about 8 or 9 A.M. till past sunset - had Harry  
J. Rogers all the P.M. Jon. & Hen. cradled down the oats in the field planted with  
potatoes - 1820 - P.M. they mowed in litt. meadow. Sally & Dama carried  
a large grist of grain to mill - wool to the carding machine & visited  
S. & Pickett's store to buy sug. & molasses - these articles which we  
E. & L. manufactured last sprg were now nearly consumed. Eliz & Lydia Norton  
Norton paid a short visit here toward eve'g.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 8 Cool with flying clds - not very warm except between  
11 A.M. & 3 P.M. Compleated mowing then litt. mead & had

J. Rogers the hay all drawn in at 3 loads, the last of which Jona. pitched on -  
big ld weighing, according to estimation, not much short of 3500 - Sherwood  
drove team for us some while getting the hay. At P. 113 it will be seen  
that this was not all which thzt mead(o produced the past seas'n.

J. Hand Jonathan performed a good days work - Jo served us from 10 A.M. till  
Sherwood night. Mr Lem Sherwood Sr dined with us - was returning home with a  
Sr load of boards which he bo't at L. Jewett's. Brown's people were haying  
Brown very lively in the Fay meadow in the hither pt - produced pretty well.  
Dr Swift Dr Swift came down this morning to visit Damia whose health was more  
out of repair than it had been.

THURSDAY, AUG. 9th Much like the 8th only more clear & heat greater.

Parsons Cleared the old Tracy f'd of oats & wheat of both whi  
& Harry which had good crops, of the former there being 496 & of the latter  
about 300 shieves - Mr Parsons & his son Harry assisted at raking, bind-  
ing &c till 5 P.M. Jona. entered chiefly upon his own business but oc-  
casionaly himself & Jo lent a hand at unloading - J. bro't up his lady  
Company who associated with a pleasing party of young ladies who performed a good  
dance in the eve'g. Parsons being here also joined in the dance.

Our ladies were Betsey Champ'y, Lydia Norton, Emma & Charlotte  
Loomis.







Aug 1821 FRIDAY, AUG'T 10 Pretty warm smoky with signs of rain. Took leave of  
124 haying then present season. Had a rough piece between  
the upper brook and plough field - & another small one mowed at the N.E  
corner of the Meadow S, - J. Rogers helped us till towards noon. P.M.  
Rogers visited Algiers - carried home his wife - Brown's people drove business  
in the Fay meadow - Kent, Parsons & H. Parsons were employed there. A  
Morgan view of our crops shall appear at p. 127 Mr Morgan went to his fathers  
at night. Our ladies rec'd the company of Mrs Polly Waters, Miss M. and  
Streets Miss L. Street this P.M.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 11 Up to 86 degrees the heat arose, flying clouds - now  
& then a fine breeze from N.E. - gloomy & smoky.

Haying & We about wound off our haying & harvest. Jonathan & Henry cradled a  
Harvest'g field of oats containing 2 acres on the Dr Fay line N. of the well known  
butternut tree at the S.W. corner of that farm - the yield was good -  
H.DeBar they finished cutting the grain by noon - P.M. Hen. went to York State  
Rogers on a visit - had our yg horse & Montague's wagg'n - J.Hand accompanied  
him - Jonathan assisted in raking & dutching up the grain which we ac-  
complished about 4 P.M. - Parsons worked for us from between 9 & 10 A.M.  
till the above hour. Hiram W. came down this eve'g - who with Sherwood  
had a turn of dancing, marching &c.

Ancestry I proceed to mention those names mentioned p. 119

1st Rebecca  
2d Margaret  
3d Zurirah  
4th Sarah  
5 Rhoda  
6 Jedediah - House joiner &c- first settled minister in Bennington.  
Died Dec 1778 - aged 65  
7 Martin Blacksmith by occupation - died about 1763 - Mrs Noble  
was his eldest daughter -  
8 Mercy  
9 Abner Cabinet Maker - died in this town 1777 - aged ab't 50 -  
my grandfather.

SUNDAY, AUG 12th

Aug 1821 Extremely warm all the night of the 11th ,and so it was the greater part  
125 of this day- smoky indeed till 10 A.M. then cleared up fine. Eve'g becm  
Bible became very cool. Perused Bible respecting the days of Abraham and  
Isaac, Jacob, Esau and Ishmael - likewise Fergusons' Civil Society &  
Bigland on the History of France in the days of Francis 1st &c.

MONDAY, AUGUST 13th Very fine , pretty watm & quite dry - A.M. visited

Frost Frost's - had a horse-shoe set, plough-share nosed  
Acct at & wagon slightly repaired - had business in Algiers & on W.H.Hill & saw  
S. & Col Merrill & cousin Uel - at Pickett's found our book acc't up to Aug  
Picketts 1st to be a balance against us of \$21.89 - got a halter mended at Hicks'  
Saw Mr Watson - the wag. maker. In the mg I spent a few sweet moments  
reading the big books at Hall's office - saw Capt Brown there. P.M.  
came home & assisted at getting in the 2 last loads of oats - comprising  
more than 700 shieves - a number of minor choars made up the business of  
the day including the commencement of ploughing stubble land.

Death of Mrs Thatcher, formerly the widow of the late David Haynes, died on  
Mrs the 11th inst - aged about 64.  
Thatcher







TUESDAY, AUG. 14 Warm, much like the 13th - smoky & very dry. Ploughing & ditching A.M. as well as repair'g a bridge.  
 Ditching P.M. only ditching & unloading a great load of oats. Damia & Mrs Parsons went to Hoosack, came home at night - Parsons provided horse - we Visit the harness & waggon - Friend Morgan rode to Pownal to borrow a Musical Hoosack book. Mr DeBar, Henry's father, came to visit his son - tarried all DeBar night - went away next morning - had lately visited the W. country of which he spoke contemptuously - Was at Bennington battle - taken with Burgoyne - 1777 - came from Germany.

WEDNESDAY, AUG 15th Very wm - thundered & rained not far to the N. - had only a few drops here. We sent Henry, team & cart to Academy to assist at a bee as we supposed drawing stone flr the academy - but the teams were ordered not to attend so Henry spent the day working at the quarry. A.M. ditched the upp'r brook. P.M. raked & bound good thistly oats for the Browns - they carted several loads - Kent & Parsons present. C. Butler & lady from W'mstown visited a little at noon.

Aug 1821 Mrs B. was the only daughter of my late cousin Jedediah Stone - aged 24  
 126 yrs - Mr B. was born in Branford, C't - Jon. Rogers scraped a large acquaintance with him. Our girls visited at Scott's - Evening the boys all Bisby hands went to deacon Dimmicks' to a ball there. Mr Bisby paid us for 3 lambs & 20 $\frac{1}{2}$  lbs cheese, \$4.20" - besides \$1 on the old score.  
 Mrs Butler had with her a child aged 8 months.

THURSDAY, AUG. 16 Heat much the same, smoky & very dry. Ditching formed our employm't - tho't it too dry to plow. Hen had his stint P.M. which he finished in a little time and then with the other Bathing boys - boarders inclusive went on a bathing party below the gov. Rob. house - had young Nancy and young Jenny which they exercised at swimming. W'Mstown Before they returned our three cousins from Williamstown being on their cousins way home from the celebration at White Creek called & supped here - Levi, Harvey & James Smedley were the persons. Eve'g our young folks here had quite a pretty dance. Johnson & I played alternately. They had a large celebration at W.C. - we heard the guns. Morgan tarried at the office studying - lodged there likewise.

FRIDAY, AUG. 17 Little variation in heat or smoke - P.M. great signs of rain were perceived - wind smart in the S. - very dry here - thundered in the N.W. about midday - heard discharge of cannon in that direction. Hen, team & cart performed another days Academy labor drswing stone for the academy - if not at drawing them - assisted in quarrying. A.M. assisted at ditching. P.M. after much vexation post- Waggon ed in the big waggon to town - the little waggon dismantled attached Cash paid thereto which I sent by Johnson, who had the establishm't to go home - to S. & be repaired at J. Norton's, Algiers. Paid to Pickett cash toward borrowed Pickett money, \$5.50". Mr Kellogg & Mr Bliss were present. Bo't 1 lb tea,  $\frac{1}{2}$  gal molasses & sk silk am'tg to about \$1 on Cr. Saw cousins Uel & Sam at the C.H. - read a little in Chambers - visited the printing office - then came Reading down to White & Halls' and there perused Gregory - a false alarm of fire







Aug 1821 was raised by P.Dewey's chimney taking fire - a numbr collected - no  
 27 damage ensued - had plow & chains fixed at Frost's - the latter to be at  
 Frost saw Frost attempt to run from Hicks' to the meeting house blind fold,  
 but he missed his object after performing a pretty straight course two  
 thirds of the route.

Crops Let us notice our crops the present year. Our hay was more abun-  
 dant than in 1820 - mowed about 34 acres - computed the burthen at 40  
 tons - The Brown's cut a good deal of hay - the Fay meado was far better  
 than in 1820, their other crops were very considerable except wint. wht  
 which like, wh at had occurred to many, was poor enough - Hinman sowed  
 it, but no blame could be attached to him for it.

Below a statement of parcels of ground & their produce

Wint. wheat	.....W. of the corn above the barn - poor		
		1 $\frac{3}{4}$ acres (uncounted)	shieves
Spg	do ...alongside the yg orchard,		
	pretty good .....	2	, 500 ,
do	do ...No. side or end of the Tracy		
	field ....stout .....	1	, 300 ,
Rye	.....Sheep pasture .....	6	, 1168 ,
do	.....W. & N. of the meadow ...	4	, 1108 ,
Oats	.....S. end of Tracy field,		
	Good .....	2	, 496 ,
do	.....S. part of the field in		
	which they grew, 1820 ....	2	, 723 ,
Flax	.....A considerable crop.		
	E. side Tracy field, (1 ld)		4295

Rain & thinder SATURDAY, AUG. 18 Great heat; continued smoky till after it had rained  
 - this happened about 2 P.M, with the utmost fury,  
 heavy thunder too - it was said to strike somewhere in the vicinity of  
 capt Hill's - held warm when the shower had ceased - Employed at washing  
 & oiling harness - father mowed bushes, weeds &c. Hen plowed stubble  
 ground W. of the cornfield, back of the barn, A.M. - P.M. did little else  
 Bisby than fife - Mr Bisby came down & bo't 4 lambs - paid down \$4.03" & agreed  
 to add a fifth soon - a part of this was pd towards the other lambs -  
 Morgan visited his father's & returned again at night -, Sherwood rode hem  
 H.Waters home. Hiram Waters came in the eve'g & had high times with Johnson in  
 music - tarried all night.

Aug 1821 SUNDAY, AUG. 19 Flying clds, a little smky & very warm. A depression  
 28 of spirits attended me almost all this good day in  
 spite of books or conversation. Accompanied Johnson to & from Dr S's  
 office, after which spent the time chiefly reading Ferguson & the bible -  
 With Sally & Adeline visited the yg orchard. Johnson with difficulty  
 copied N.Haven Lectures from Dr H. Swift. Lem arrived from home at eve.  
 Death of News came to H.Waters of the sudden death of his father after a short  
 Capt. illness at Mr A. Kinsley's - W. psrt of the town - His age was not far  
 Waters from 75







Thunder MONDAY, AUG. 20th Very muggy, warm all day - had a terrible thunder storm - late in the eve'g - Our work was threshing & plowing. Father & Damia attended capt W's funeral at Mr K's in whose orchard Mr Peters delivered a fine discourse without notes. The remains of Capt W., agreeable to his last request were conveyed to Hoo-sack & deposited beside his father. Visited town at night - carried S. & Pickett aunt Sarah who had paid our folks a good visit as far as S. & Pickett - there paid tow'd borrowed money in full \$2.25" pr D. Marsh Jr clerk - Z.Pierce Left W's waggon at his barn & came home with J. Rogers. Z.Pierce performed a difficult piece of farriery here early this morning on an old subject. See V. 5 p. 390, 544

Montague TUESDAY, AUG. 21st Cloudy - scuddy - from N.W. - cold at night. Thrashed rye & wheat with father. Hen. was employed at plowing W. of the rocks except several hours in the P.M. which were devoted to drawing out staging polls for Erastus out of Gen R's woods. Company M. Street & S. Waters came here this evening.

Company WEDNESDAY, AUG. 22d Pleas't & cool, wd N.W. Thrashing & plowing made up the business. Our ladies rec'd company consisting of old man Norton - Mrs P. Norton - Mrs Street & daughters M. & Lucy & Mrs Waters. At night Johnson rode away.

Aug 1821 THURSDAY, AUG. 23d Pleas't, not over warm - went to mill & visited the 129 hill & bo't files at S. & Pick's -.25". Left harness at Hicks' to be mended - perused Chambers a few moments at U.M's office - saw old Mrs Mann there doing business - came home - went with Mrs Mann Bisby after the sheep of which he bargained for 6 at \$16 for the whole - carried away 2 of them - paid us \$5. - It was a choaring day between Kent father & J. Rogers - taking out the caldron - Mr Kent being employed to make fine boards, eve sputs &c - removed sputs at the barn - a part of his time under Jon. & a part under us - Henry continued ploughing. Frost I had some work done at Frost's in the former pt of the day. At Frank Blackmer's store put down \$5. N. Haven Eagle Bank with instructions to Box of J.Sibley 2d to buy a box of 6 by 8 glass. He carried \$58. to buy glass. goods for Frank - this was just after sunset - bro't from Waters' Do-cia & Damia.

D. Hend FRIDAY, AUG. 24 Tolerably warm - flying clds - some smoky. We continued threshing rye - Henry ploughing - had his share sharpened. Daniel Hend spent a little time at the barn & assisted in mowing straw. Mr Duncan paid our folks a short visit about mid-day. Lem came from the office sick at night - L. had the doctor next morning.

Mr Gaby SATURDAY, AUG. 25 Hazy - warm midday - cold at night. A quantity of rye was winnowed - Henry continued plowing. I had business in Algiers - got grist & rolls at the mill - visited Mr Gabey & was shaved - rec'd an empty cider bbl of him which was lent in the spring - called at uncle J.Norton's to see about work there - not done. Johnson accompanied me on this route - had wagg'n & horses to go home and get his bed - we returned at noon - found Lem better. P.M. I again Frost turned out - let Frost have 2 bhls rye which I carried to mill. Mr Wg.mended Bliss rode with me - remainder of the P.M. at uncle Jo's getting 1 h. wag'n mended on J.Rogers acc't - price \$1. Mr Hurd Jr was there having work done.







Aug 1821 At Blackmer's store rec'd the box of glass sent for on Thursday which  
130 cost \$3.50 - paid 25" for transportation - this side Dr Swift's took in  
Sol Searl's with whom talked some very good talks. When we came to open  
Box of the box of glass found about 1/3d of it broken bad enough. The drouth  
glass in this quarter had greatly injured potatoes & caused short pasturage -  
Drought but not so severe as in places a few miles distant where corn was dried  
up so as to prevent its growing any more.

Pierce SUNDAY, AUG. 26 Cloudy, rainy & cool wind S.W. Mr Pierce came here  
early this morning - bro't home a roll of cloth mea-  
suring 32 yards - paid him 50" for his service here on the mg of the 20"  
Rogers Jonathan, assisted by Brad Godfrey, cleared his house of rubbish. Eras-  
Montague tus & his old friend Goodale paid us a visit - the foundation of the  
Goodale academy was now nearly compleated. Johnson went to Sher'd for Lem.

MONDAY, AUG. 27 Chld & cloudy - clouds thin till nearly noon - an  
Eclipse eclipse of the sun was observed - more visible on  
account of the thin clouds floating in the air - P.M. fine & warm. Sow-  
Sowing ing rye was commenced - I harrowed with horses - Hen. who finished plow  
ing the stubble in the sheep pasture about noon, continued the like busi-  
ness this side the yg orchard. Jonathan had his mason work performed  
Rogers this day by Gillson - Erastus, Jur'n - Young Bisby rec'd this morning 2  
fixing sheep & 41 lbs cheese. Morgan went home Saturday P.M. & arrived here  
Bisby. this morning late. Evening first saw the particulars respecting the  
Death of Bonaparte death of N. Bonaparte on the 5th of May.

TUESDAY, AUG. 28 Hazy - flying clds - wind S.W. Rigged out a team of  
3 horses - finished harrowing below the rocks & then  
partially compleated a piece back of them. Hen. continued ploughing.  
A long frocked man shaved hoops for Parsons about noon.

Sep 1821 WEDNESDAY, AUG. 29 Cloudy, begun to rain ere noon, but fell only occa-  
131 sionally till about 4 p.M. when there was a smart  
shower p rainy night. Left harrowing about 11 A.M. P.M. went to E. Dew-  
Dewey's ey's mill - saw Savage there working at repairs - Eldad informed me of  
mill several improvements he intended to make about the mill. Visited the  
hill - Talked with Clark & Fassett about butter & cheese, election &c.  
Perused Chambers at U.M.'s - ate Waters' melon at the printing office  
with C. Doolittle. Came home before night - bro't Lem & Freeb from the  
Morgan office. Morgan was absent at Camp-meeting in Hoosick.

THURSDAY, AUG. 30 Fine, neat weather for sowing - signs of rain - went  
Sowing with two teams & compleated sowing rye in the old  
Sp. pasture-field. Morgan arrived from Camp-meeting & dined with us.

FRIDAY, AUG. 31 Fine - very fine, but extremely warm. The field ad-  
Sowing joining the yg orchard being sown with rye finished  
finished sowing that kind of grain over 10 acres. Lem this evening butchered a  
Lamb deformed lamb which was bitten in the neck in Apl - they had much sport  
among the boys during the operation. Mother attended Friday meeting.  
Eve'g the boys attended a junket at Mr Brown's. Mr Kent & Mr Brown vis-  
Ball ited here in the ev'g - Hen. ploughed stubble ground. A small ball was  
had here this eve.







Flax SATURDAY, SEPT. 1st Rainy till past noon. P.M. very warm & cloudy. We threshed out the flax & spd a pt of it - Mr Brown visited us - Eve'g visited town - bo't 6 lbs Spanish White at S. & Pickett's at 0/4<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> - Borrowed a book & came home.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 2d Too cloudy to permit a lively train of ideas in me. Mr Sherwood & Johnson respectively visited their homes - Frank studied at the office - Father, L. & D. went to church - a Mr Plank preached - Thundered this day.

Sep 1821 MONDAY, SEPT. 3d Cloudy, warm - threatened rain all day and did rain at night. The flax was all spd & a cart ld of apples bro't from the yg orchard. Boarders everyone present. Lem visited at his father's over Sunday. Eve'g Jona had his N. room floor painted by H. Waters & H. Blackmer. Lydia Norton paid Damia a short visit P.M. J.Rogers The weather caused it to be very gloomy. Mr Champney called to see us L.Norton & related how ill he had been of his old complaint - wanted to get apples Champney together if we employed any body at that business - agreed to.

Kent TUESDAY, SEPT. 4th It held cloudy & warm - raining a little. We considered it to be wet weather at this time. A.M. the cider mill was prepared for action, Mr Kent assisted. Henry employed the day plough'g. P.M. attended at the polls - not much said respecting Election gov'r, Lieut gov'r & Treasurer - no opposition to those already in - there were two lists of Councillors - differing very little except in 1 or 2 instances - the one having Judge Fay - the other Joel Pratt at their respective heads - we thought fit to choose the former. For representati time the principal candidates were Moses Robinson & O.C.Merrill. It was a real hard one - both sides were troubled with factions which finally ended, after five times going round, past 11 at night, in no choice. Great exertion was used by both parties - every kind of appetite was tampered with among the men mean characters to carry the day - liquor, pork & meal & all the good things of this world were said to be plentifully distributed by the great movers among the federalists.

The greatest number of votes for M. Rob. was 200 - for Mer. 175 - some were given for D. Clark - some for L.Norton & a few for Sol Safford. It was very difficult for the constable to keep order on acc't of the crowd'd tribe.

Sep 1821 WEDNESDAY, SEPT 5 Rained much early in the mg - some rainy during the 133 day. We made cider - a small quantity. J.Norton sent by his son Charles & Wickwire & rec'd a bbl of it. Henry went to Jo Norton Commencement at W'mstown - L.Sherwood and his brother Lyman attended al- H.DeBar so. I ought not to omit mentioning that Capt Wickwire aged 87 - Mr J. Capt Rice aged 79 & Mr Greenslet tarried till it was decided thzt there would Wickwire be no more voting that night - so firm were these old democrats.

THURSDAY, SEPT 6th Misty & windy in the mg but proved a g'd day. Had business with the wag. at the carding machine. Let Mr Bliss have 2 bhls rye - carried it to mill for him - at Pickett's bo't 5 lbs French achre - at Dexters took in H.Waters who came down and







Glass set glass to 3 twenty four lighted windows and fitted the sashes to the frames. Jon. as agreed upon rec'd the old sashes with the glass in them for the new ones which we had of him without glass. At night a pleas't Cutting upfriendly dance took place. Phipp's horn-pipe was now upon the carp't. corn We commenced cutting up corn - I assisted P.M.

Judah  
Harwood  
Isaac  
Brown

FRIDAY, SEPT. 7th Warm & cloudy, fine flr business. Continued cutting up corn - it was very badly blown down - ugly to get at. Father swapped a 2 yr old heifer for an old cow - poor & high boned. - with his cousin Judah Harwood - the heifer was black & white, bid fair to be good. Mr Isaac Brown left town for Greenwich, Conn. Abram ground apples with his oxen. The boys had music at Capt N's.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 8 Cläudy & warm - rained & thundered at night. Finished cutting up corn - gathered & got in that which grew in the field S, of Jon's house - poor, poor indeed. Parsons & Spencer made cider

SUNDAY, SEPT. 9th Very warm, - wind S.W. thund'd & rain'd late. Composed myself tolerably well reading of a variety of different things - Mr Hoodale & Erastus paid us a visit - likewise Mr B'n & lady. Morgan arrived from Pown'l.

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Brown  
Bradley  
Ripley  
Boards  
from  
Th ayer

MONDAY, SEPT. 10 Cool, flying clouds from N.W. Henry plowed oat stubble. Father & I were employed in various ways - cutting up corn & weeds in the garden, pulling beans in the field & gathering hops - visited town together at night - grist carried to mill - agreed for a calf skinmat B.Squires'. We had talk with Mr Brown about selling our 4 yr old horse to him. Eve'g with Lydia & Sally visited Mr Dimmick's - saw Mrs Bradley with her young babe - Mr Parsons was there also - At Dr S's office borrowed the Medical Repository. This m'g we bo't a ~~2/0~~ 1½ bhl & 1 bhl basket of Mr Ripley for 7/0 - paid 4/0 in cas & 3/0 in cheese. Rec'd of Sim Thayer Jr pr his brother Nelson a load of spruce boards - 525 ft drawn from the Woodward saw-mill - Woodf'd Mountain at 80" pr hund - good boards. Scripture & Priests were talked of at Dimmicks.

Montague  
Brown has  
horse.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 11 Cloudy - rained very powerfully at night. Henry finished ploughing before 12. P.M. worked with oxen for Erastus who sent on here this morning to work at his 1.kiln uncle Sam & Brooks. We performed a number of choars & used our boards in erecting a temporary roof over the S. part of the woodpile. Boys all here in good cheer. Neighbor Brown agreed to buy our horse at \$60. & rec'd him.

Robinson  
&  
Brown

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 12 A great rain fell during the night & this A.M. ground extremely wet. The chief done was to work over some flax s'd and thrash 2 bhls 2 qts sp wht & carry it to mill -, Uncle Sam & Brooks worked at the limekiln or say dug stone to fill it. Young Henry Robinson came to visit us.

U.M.  
Robinson  
wedding

THURSDAY, SEPT. 13 Some hazy - cool m'g & ev'g. Chief employm't gathering apples. Eve'g Lydia, Sally, Damia & myself attended the wedding of cousin U.M. Robinson to Miss Betsey Hicks by Mr Peters in a tedious, religious & graceful manner. Good times.







Sep 1821 Most of the near relatives and connections of both parties attended.  
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FRIDAY, SEPT. 14 Fair & warm - cold night & m'g. Gathered apples.  
Henry was sent to Walbridge's mill (Silas) and bro't  
thence a load of hemlock plank - 250 ft for Sim Thayer Junr on J.Rogers'  
acc't. Uncle Perez Harwood & lady paid a visit to us.  
Laid new floor to hogp'n.

SATURDAY, SEPT 15 Fair - wind S.W. - we made cider - ground 67 bbls ap-  
ples - sent to the still 2 loads of cider - the  
Cider first 123½ gals in 4 bbls, the 2d in a hogsh'd measuring 119 gals.  
made. Erastus with a number of hands worked at his limekiln. Carried a cheese  
Cash of weighing 22 lbs and 9 lbs butter to R.H.Fasseyt at night. Rec'd \$12.00  
Bisby of Bisby.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 16 Cloudy and gloomy - rained a little at night from S.  
W. An uneasy day. Read but little and that princi-  
Boarders pally in the Medicine Dictionary. Johnson staid with us. Rogers, Lem &  
Morgan visited uncle Lem Sherwood's - returned at eve'g.

MONDAY, SEPT. 17 Very wet & foggy m'g P.M. good weather. A.M. the  
flax was turned. Mr Kent shaved hoops & set them,  
Visit at worked allmday at the business. I was with him P.M. Henry husked corn  
Stkbridge come pt of the day. About noon father & mother started for Stock-  
bridge, Mass., Erastus worked at his kiln, having with him uncle Sam,  
Mr Gerald, Mr Eldred, A. Fox & Smith - they dined & supped here.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 18 Not bad weath'r - flying clouds from N.W. We husked  
a wag'n load of corn. Eve'g Henry went to town on  
errands about getting paint & to have a r'm rod made to my gun.  
A variety of choars employed me tow'd the close of the day. L.Downs  
Training left warnings for Rog's & Johnson to train in cavalry on the 24th.  
Montague Erastus commenced burning his kiln at noon - had uncle Sam, Eld'd and  
Smith - had the oxen. H. Waters visited here & had a scrape with Lem  
at griddles.

Sep 1821 In the P.M. of the 17th Levi Jewett bro't up some hay for his colt Rog-  
136 ees had here breaking for him.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 19 Some hazy but good - cold night & m'g. Henry with  
me dug potatoes which yielded very lightly indeed.  
Digging Erastus still at his kiln - had uncle Sam, Eld'd & Smith to assist -  
potatoes he had warning of artillerists to do P.M. M.S.Norton left a warning for  
me to go to Cards in Pownal at the foot of the gr't hill. Eve'g sent  
C.Batt off Henry to see if Collins Batt would come and assist us at work -  
Visited Mr Brown myself to contrive how to go to the gr't training in  
H.Waters Pown'l. H.Waters & H. Blackmer came to paint the floor this evening,  
but failed for want of stock - not paint enough. B. Loomis & Gillson  
Ball visited here this eve'g. They had a really smart little ball which held  
on late. A Fox was pres't.

THURSDAY, SEPT 20 Cloudy - looked for rain from S.W. Dug potatoes  
again. turned out bad. J.Murphy & lady paid us a  
Potatoes visit - let him have 2 bbls apples - The limekiln going on. Eld'd &  
J.Murphy Smith tenders. The S.W. wind blew up a sort of weath'r which rather  
Limekiln depresses some folks spirits.







FRIDAY, SEPT. 21st Fine, after a heavy rain in the night. Henry & C. Batt thrashed out & carried to mill 3 bbls rye & 2 of spg wht. I trained in Blackmer's company - Ensign Z.K. Barney having resigned - A.D. Robinson was raised to his place - at the moment I don't recollect the other or all the other promotions - Davis Williams & J. Morse Jun were raised to the rank of 3rd & 4th Corp'ls. Dimmick, who was my right hand man. P.M. walked home with me - very pleas't & sociable. Coronat'n of the king & death of the queen of England was now the greatest news on the carpet. Capt Hall had out his Company - pretty smart - both companies app'd well. Limekiln going forward.

Sep 1821 137 SATURDAY, SEPT. 22 Cool flying clouds - some scuds of rain, gloomy rather till just at night - wind N.W. We dug potatoes. Henry went to mill with cart & oxen. Freeb. did errands in town for us. Morgan went to Pow'l this morning. Erastus finished burning Limekiln his limekiln at night. Father & mother arrived from visiting their Stockbridge friends (at the S.) at Stockbridge and elsewhere - were well entertained. H. Taylor sent me the Pittsf'd Sun - they found all well in general except uncle Taylor who had rec'd a bad wound in one of his feet by an H. Waters axe. Another litt. dance this eve'g - H. Waters present.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 23 Pleas't but the wind was high - They had a meeting in this quarter. Mr Peters made a lash of his tongue. Dimmick made me a very good visit, looked at the orchard, rye &c.

MONDAY, SEPT. 24 Quite rainy from the south - gloomy indeed. According to orders most of the companies of Col Brownells Regiment assembled at the foot of Pow'l hill - paraded, marched down the river & up again - disbanded & P.M. returned to their respective homes. My companions in a l h.wag'n were Dimmick, & his son - we comfortably put our wag'n &c. under Mrs Man's shed - dined there.

Capt Slye had his establishm't at the same place. It was very muddy, rainy, ugly doings. The stage went down forward of us with 13 persons in it. Wm Gould driver for Young.

SEPT. TUESDAY, 25 Gloomy & cloudy - flying clds, N.W. We dug potatoes Mrs Waters & Melissa Street visited here P.M. Morgan arrived from Pow'l. H. Waters & C. Gillson here this eve'g.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 26 Cool wind from N. frost at night. Business as above Eve'g visited town along with J. Rogers - sold to

Sep 1821 138 H.H. Fassett 18½ lbs butter - returned several volumes of borrowed books - Williams' History of Vt - 3d Vol of Greg. Dictionary - Ferguson on Civil Society & Lampriers U. Biography - In F's bar-room saw Judge Steph'n Robinson, Merrill, S. Fay, D. Robinson Jun, V.D. Speigel & G. Caldwell - and a Mr Gray, an old soldier who was at Washington in 1818 who told what he said in the representative Hall one day after they had adjourned - which amounted to as much as to say they were lazy devils.

Our company talked of priests and lawyers, the former they agreed







were the most independent & could get the most of the people's money -  
 Rogers & Came to F.Blackmer's & waited Jona's arrival from Algiers with the 1 h.  
 wife waggon in which rode home - Frank had many of his neighbors in to see  
 H.Waters him. Hiram Waters painted the kitchen floor.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 27 Cool & hazy - wind S. at night. Digging potatoes yet  
 Father was unwell but stuck to business - Jo H'd  
 Rogers assisted P.M. J.Rogers took possession of his house with wife & goods  
 & lady. this day. Eve'g went to Parsons' with Sally to see her brother Josiah  
 Conn'cut Stone & lady, & G. Smedley & his lady - the former had a child with them  
 folks. aged 15 or 20 months - all in good spirits.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 28 There were appearances of rain towards night but  
 there was but little here - pretty good weather, tho  
 Potatoes cloudy. We compleated the digging of potatoes in a piece of  $2\frac{1}{2}$  acres  
 adjoining the Fay farm E. - yielding about 180 bbls, not quite half a  
 crop. Our Connecticut ladies and gent. paid us a visit P.M. - Eve'g  
 Fassett Damia & I rode to Fassett's & Pickett's - sold to the former  $17\frac{1}{2}$  lbs  
 butter - rec'd cash \$5.00 Smedley & his lady lodged here this night.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 29 Cold morning - fine day - warm. Digging potatoes  
 Potatoes was finally closed by getting about 30 bbls good  
 ones in the corn

Sep 1821 field. P.M. spent the time going rounds with Parsons, Stone & Smedley.  
 139 Visited C.H.Hill first, and next Algiers - they conveyed me to B.Squires'  
 and retu'd to capt. Hill to wait while I bo't leather for aunt Theodosia  
 Leather -  $4\frac{1}{2}$  lbs soal leather & a calf skin - amtg to \$2.12 $\frac{1}{2}$  - charged.  
 bo't of At capt H's ciewed his big rocking chair - and then came home. It was  
 Squires. now a time of some confusion with us - Mr Fillmore of Attica, arrived  
 Fillmore. with wife, child & double wag'n from visiting at the N. pt of Vt. -  
 preparation must be made to help her away - the kitchen floor having been  
 lately painted - the room in a measure was unfit for use - and there be-  
 ing many of us rendered it a little unpleas't about entertaining company  
 which might perhaps tend to make them uneasy.

SUNDAY, SEPT 30 Cloudy, gloomy weather - wind S.W. Smedley & Stone  
 rode in their wag'n and conveyed Lem to his father's  
 Dimmick I took a friendly walk in the lots & orchards with friend Dimmick who ap-  
 Sherwood peared to be in a very friendly mood. At night Lem returned from his  
 cash. father's and paid me in bills \$10 towards board.

MONDAY, OCT., 1st Extremely unpleas't, muddy & rainy. Husking corn in  
 the barn was the chief employm't - P.M. visited town,  
 rode up with Smedley, Stone & Parsons who left me at F.Blackmer's to go  
 & get one of their wag. seats mended. I staid a good while at Wallace's  
 hearing him tell stories of himself and horse - a man of real business I  
 Cash should say - Borrowed of Fassett \$10.00 - Cash. Bo't of Swift & Pickett  
 Kent goods to the am't of about 63 cents - came home with Mr Kent from town  
 and with Sherw'd & Johnson from Dr Swift's office. Mr Stone & lady staid  
 with us this night. Smedley and lady staid at Parsons'.



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TUESDAY, OCT. 2d Very foggy & went under foot in the mg - proved to be fine most of the day following. We gathered apples. Aunt Theodocia in Mr Fillmore's wag'n taking all her stuff & re-Theodocia ceiving of us in full for clothes rec'd in 1815, leather, shoes & \$20. Letter to in money, departed for Attica, N.Y. 300 miles from this, about 8 A.M. - Asa H'woodwrote a short letter to uncle Asa ab't hew-things his things

Sep 1821 139 Stone, Parsons, Smedley & Rogers returned from riding to the Cot. Factory, just at night and cut up some curious flops in the Orchard. Catharine (Jon's lady) rec'd company P.M. consisting of Mrs Campbell, Company Mrs Parsons, Mrs Stone & Mrs Smedley - Eve'g Mrs Smedley staid with us - the others were at P's - Smed. here latter part of the eve'g - slept with his lady at our house. Past 9 Sally broached the cherry-brandy cask and took out a quantity of cherries some of which she carried to Jona's - Mrs Smed. myself & Damia were there with her & returned home together accompanied by her. Father & Gid. talked some in our absence, as well as at other times. Lem visited his friend Pierce & lady. Rogers Jona. set up his Jewsharp stove this day - it worked well.

WEDNESDAY. OCT. 3d The morning opened fine in the E. but it clouded over & rained some, this was succeeded by fine, warm weather. Gathered apples - we prepared for making cider - Our friends continued with us and at Parsons' - Jonathan rode out with Smedley - after they came back Sally & Mrs S. took a turn around the square & then when they returned Damia rode out with Mrs Stone. Mr Eldred with his lady was here this P.M. Arrived from Ohio about 2 P.M. where he John Doty 2d. left his father, family & neighbors in health, 8 weeks since, John Doty 2d. - Said uncle Jonas & friend Dixon were doing extremely well - Parkman, the town from which he came, was in a very thriving condition. Ball Eve'g the folks had a little dance - Mr Stone was Lydia's partner & appeared to perform handsomely - Parsons was present - Mrs Smedley had jaw-ache. I was afterwards informed that Mrs Stone took part in this dance.

THURSDAY, OCT. 4 Rained lightly in the mg - good a westher followed. Cider was made, 2 hhd's carr'd to the still & apples gathered - J. Doty assisted. Our Connecticut friends having pd us a pleasing visit departed this morning for Greenville, N.Y. - they started from Parsons'. Cider Conn't folks

FRIDAY, OCT. 5 Some like the 4th but warmer - Gathered apples & took up the flax - 180 bundles - bro't in 14½ bbls win& apples wint'r apples. At night carr'd Flax

Sep 1821 140 Fassett 19 lbs butter - saw uncle Sam who had just lost a cow. Friend Doty engaged to work for us a few days. Henry went to Levi Jewett's drawing bee - Lem visited the office this eve'g - rode up & returned on foot. A hhd of cider was carried to the still.

SATURDAY, OCT. 6 Flying clds - fine weather. Thrashing & gathering apples constituted the business. Eve'g visited Champney to have him come on to gathering apples, found him so full of business that it was not probable that he could assist us very soon - applied to Mr Batt and he could give but little better encouragement. Rec'd of Biaby \$4.00 - Called at Fassett's & at Merrill's - at the for-







mer place Race & Walbridge were talking of their big horse race. Borrowed of Dr Swift \$11.00 in money - Henry carried a hhd of cider to the still & grist to mill. Doty worked here. Reck'd with Morgan this morning & found him indebted for 21 wks board since the first week in April at \$1. pr week. Mr Sam Stanton came to see us - had a pr of light horses and snug light wag. - appeared to be in fine spirits, in a way of accumulating property - walked out with us to view our oxen which he liked well and said they were worth \$70.00 - 3 yr old steers he tho't might sell for \$18. a h'd.

Preaching SUNDAY, OCT. & Pretty good weath't - wind S. Busy choaring about - fixing for Troy. They had no preaching this day.

Expedition MONDAY, OCT. 8th Clouded up in the morning - rained smartly from 12 to 3 P.M. - cleared up fine - bright moon - light in the evening. F. Johnson started with me for Troy - had young Nancy & Jenny before the big wag. - We met the rain at Snyder's - drove to Hoffman's & tarried till it ceased raining - there we heard a dispute between a Mr Palmer, who had traded at the Four C's, and a gentleman farmer who had bo't goods of him - from which it appeared that the latter hated to pay his debts and could use bad manners and language too pretty freely. Four miles this side Troy overtook a young man & his brother, having also his wife whom he had left in the rear in an ox wag. going on to settle in Independance, Alleghany Co., N.Y. - his brother's name Luther - himself aged 25 - knew Tho's Phillips & family. They rode

Oct 1821 with us, being in advance of their team, into the city. Of Silliman & 142 Grant bo't 6 bhls Strait salt for 6/6 - paid in full \$4.87½ - AtvJo's paid money, rec'd of J. Rogers, on his acc't and had put to his credit J. Rogers \$12.00 - the acc't amt'd previously to \$15.94 - had a morrocco skin chgd to him which I now bo't \$1.00. On our own hook rec'd & p'd in full for 16 lbs soal leather, side of upp'r & I morroc skin \$8.25 - soal lether at 25" - At a stove store had stove-pipe made, 8 inch, which cost me \$7.9 which was p'd - \$4.28 in money - the remainder in butter at 13 pence pr lb - going rather dull at 1/0 in cash. Took on board our stove pipe & came up to Mr Wheeler's - could raise nobody - stabled our team & went to bed.

Sweet & Estus TUESDAY, OCT. 9 Fine & cool. At Wheelers' there lodged a gentleman & a 2 ladies, of whom I suppose one was his wife - The eldest of the two, being in her 45th year, informed me that she originally came from Guilford, C't, had lived, when young, at Beverly Monro's, North Branford - was acquainted with some of the ancient people of that place - Mr J. Harrison and others. On finding that my dear partner was from that place and that I had once passed through her native town, she became more than ever sociable and declared that when she should come to Bennington to visit Mr Hand, her cousin, she would surely pay her respects to my wife - I invited her so to do - her female companion was her only sister, nor had she but one brother who had bo't of, or sold to the Smedley(s in Williamstown a piece of land - with that family she was also acquainted. They told me their names were Sweet & Estus and that is all I know at present of them, except that they resided in Adams.

We drove to Eldred's where there was a considerable number of people collected to gether on account of an arbitration. Beb Edwards' was bar-keeper - Among others saw Mr Wadsworth, Mr Eb Cross & Esq'r Warren.







Oct 1821 We reached home before sunset - Eve'g fussed with stovepipe, trying to  
143 set it up but failed.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 10 Cold, frosty morning - hazy, but good weath'r .  
Cider A large quantity of apples in my absence had been gathered, and this day 120 bbls were ground & laid on the press. Winter apples were picked - went with a hhd of cider, 114 gs, to the still.  
J. Rogers Bothered with stovepipe again this eve'g. J. Rogers, a night or two since  
H. Robin- was sued by Harry Robinson for \$1.58", which, with cost added when p'd,  
son amounted to \$2.24" - but H. took off 00.12" to mitigate the business a little - however this goes but little way in my view toward the point - let sueing be the last resort - rather too hasty - the good will of the  
Cattle dog is better than the ill will. This morning we sold to a Mr Field,  
sold. Quaker, a pr of likely 3 yr old steers untotored for \$30.00 in money p'd in hand - He offered for the old oxen \$60.00 which we would have taken instead of doing as we did had business at this juncture permitted -  
Visiting Lydia, Damia & Lydia Norton p'd a noble visit to Miss Lucy Robinson

THURSDAY, OCT. ~~10~~<sup>11</sup> I have confounded this with the preceding days affair so that I must let it pass, all-of-a-piece - 10th  
cider made- steers sold - visit made. 11th apples gath'd, hhd cid. car'd to still - fretted by stovepipe &c. Weather much like the 10th -hazy.

FREDDAY, OCT. 12 Rainy, muddy & very unpleas't. A parcel of corn was drawn in early - very hungry before could get time to  
Cider eat breakfast - boys made cider - Hen. laid up a handsome cheese - 130 bbls - Got pretty wet going to still twice - first time capt N. & Lyd/  
Faxon & both present - J. F. Billings bro't on a load in bbls - Faxon & Dewey  
Dewey there - the former went to visit Capt Barney who was now dangerously ill. Coming from this place had the pleasing company of S. H. Blackmer to Parsons' - second load staid some time talking with capt N. - left Faxon who said capt B. was some better, with him. Eve'g corn shelled.  
Tornado Read of tornado in New Hamp.- Sunday before 17th Sept.

Oct 1821 SATURDAY, OCT. 13 Flying clouds with occasional short showers. We had  
144 a hhd of cider carried to the still & 3 lds of apples gathered in the young orchard - the first service I performed myself - had now carried to the still about 50 bbls cider - Eve'g delivered to H.  
H H Fassett H. Fassett 148½ lbs cheese at 6" & 9 lbs butter for which rec'd pay in  
H Robin- full \$9. - paid up a small acc't at Harry Robinson's - \$2.50 - talked  
son talked with him some about sueing Rogers - which he cleared up in his own favor - tho't him wrong, but shall write no more of it -  
Horse race Walbridge & Race's horse race which turned out to be no horse race, occasioned a large collection at White C., much talk and some bad feeling  
I. Judd Called at Dr Swift's and found nobody at home. Sherwood was absent this day at the great race. Very fine eve'g. Saw Judd in the street in health - capt Upham was with him. Mr Bisby wanted to buy butter - would settle with me on the 20.

SUNDAY, OCT. 14 Sour homely weather - rainy, cloudy & rough. Busy otherwise than reading much - nobody from our house attended service. Eve'g L. Norton, E. Montague & C. Gillson were visitants here. Jonathan & Henry rode to House's & bro't home a bed & bedstead which the former had bo't of Mrs Noble, alias Widow Scott.







- Uriah  
Pierce  
married Miss Milly Thayer, daughter of Sam Thayer, Esq was this eve'g married to Uriah Pierce, son of the late Hezekiah P. by his 2d wife
- Boarders  
Young  
orchard. MONDAY, OCT. 15 Cloudy, but tho' muddy good for business. Finished picking apples in the y'g orchard. Johnson & Sherwood went to Pierces' 2d day wed'g. The y'g orchard produced about 480 bbls cider apples besides a few for wint. & others sold and given away - compute the quantity of cider it yielded at least 50 bbls.
- TUESDAY, OCT. 16 Seemed likely for fair weather till past 11 - it grew cloudy - between 1 & 2 show'd & thund'd but was of short duration - cleared up cold at night. The boys put up a cheese of 128 bbls app's - 3 loads cid. carr'd to still. Father & I picked wint. apples.
- Oct 1821  
145 of these carried to J. Murphy late in the day 6 bbls, to be p'd for in cash - 4 for drying to be p'd in his line. Carried to L. Adams 6 more for common use, towards carding. Esq'r Wilder asked to buy cider, to pay in blacksmithing, made no bargain. Father was visited by some cattle drovers this eve'g who app'd anxious to buy cows - they went away to Brown's before dark. Our boys performed business well this day.  
Eve'g dancing by Lem as usual - he & Freeb visited Rogers who had company from the E. - a Hathaway was among them I suppose.
- Parsons  
& boys  
E. & C.  
Husted WEDNESDAY OCT. 17 Cold frosty mg - chilly all day, cloudy - snow seen on the mountain S.E. in Stamford. Apples were gathered E. of Jon's house - 5 loads - assisted by Parsons & Sons.  
Two Conn. gent. named Elihu & Caleb Husted, after dallying, twisting & writhing a good while planked us \$60 in money for our oxen, handsome, good color, excellent working cattle, aged 7 years. We knew or felt as if this was too low, but all things considered thought we could do no better. E. Waters had his only cow die in the road on Tuesday ev'g without knowing the cause. Mr Bliss skinned her. This eve'g looked up accounts set down for & against that man. Johnson went to see about taking his school over by Lawrence's. Henry carried 1 load of cider to the still.
- Johnson THURSDAY, Oct. 18 Hazy & cloudy - frozen, cold mg, chillymall day. Making cider and picking app's was continued.  
Frost C. Husted drove off their oxen. Went to Frost's to get hold-back to wag. tongue mended - had it done - during the operation talked of some of our late bargains - of which some were commended and others not - taking all together, would do tolerably well. At Dr Swift's office saw bones and Gregory's Dictionary which the Dr had lately received for debt of the estate of M. Carter. Set up the Lenox stove this eve'g. Cider-press broken - Mr Kent visited us this night.  
Boarders  
Kent Lem & Freeb. talked of going chestnutting, on the morrow.
- Oct 1821  
146 FRIDAY, OCT. 19 Air rather sharp - flying clds - Had app's gathered & cider carried to still. Mr Kent pinned a shoulder piece on to one of the posts of the cider press and spent the remainder of the day gathering app's here. Had Brown's oxen to go twice & Nortons



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Boarders once to the still. Sherwood & Johnson with Parsons' (wag) mare & our wag. went on their chestnut scald.

Brown's SATURDAY, OCT. 20 Very freezing m'g - but clear fine day. Cider made  
oxen 2 l'ds carried to the still by Brown's oxen - app's  
gathered - the orch'd E. of Jona's house cleared and hogs put there.

Smedley Levi Smedley Jun, his wife, brother James and sister Mary from the  
N. on their return to Williamstown, dined here. Sherwood returned from  
Johnson Shaftsbury with news that Johnson had rec'd a very bad fall from a ches  
nut tree - left him at his brother's. Charles, Harry - Roxy and a  
J.Norton young Norton boy gathered 15 bhls wint. & sauce apples on J. N. & Sons  
& Sons acc't - rec'd 13 more on Aarons' acc't, all at 1/0. Rode tomtown this  
Dexter this eve'g - carried Dexter 2 bhls rusty coats at 25" to be paid in  
& Dix cash - 1 bhl to Dix Sweet for sauce - already p'd in grinding paint -  
Fassett 19½ lbs but. to Fassett of whom rec'd in fall for but. & ches. \$3.75 -  
Cash paid of the former article had had 100 lbs, of the latter about 170 lbs -  
D. Clark butter at 12½" - cheese 6". In advance rec'd of D. Clark toward butter  
money \$7. - paid a like sum ro S. & Pickett - Wm Burt was there - J.Gary  
had just unloaded a tierce of salt which he had bo't for them from the  
river where he said he sold common wint. app's in Lansingburgh for 50"  
pr bhl - Uncle S. Rob. talked with me here as well as at Fassett's -  
Bisby Settled with Mr Bisby & rec'd in full at J.Hicks' Junr \$2.90" . Mr B.  
wanted to buy 100 lbs cheese which I engaged he should have if we could  
spare it - Mrs B. had a y'g child in lap - At home talked pretty lively  
awhile and then retired. Lem went home. Henry went to P. Smith's to  
H.DeBar Dickinson's husking - Clarissa Loomis closed her school this day.  
Summer Adeline learned well under her instruction and seemed to gain the good  
school will of her teacher if we might judge from the frequent written express-  
ended. ions which she bro't from school - indeed this seems to pay for a world  
of trouble in bringing up such children - to see them gain in useful  
knowledge.

Oct 1821 SUNDAY, OCT. 21 Fine and warm - wind S. The cider was taken care of  
147 and writing performed as usual. Brown & Parsons  
staid with us awhile - during the time heard a man halloo in the road  
Capt N'n half-way from Kent's to the Bluehill as if in distress - on enquiry  
& lady found that it was capt Norton with his lady going to meeting in their 1  
h. wag. - their horse took fright at the carcass of Water's cow, became  
ungovernable - sheared off very abruptly - threw them from the wag. and  
broke out both the thills, but without doing any other serious injury -  
Goodale of course their meeting-ride was at an end and they returned home.  
& Montague Dim'k paid me a visit. Goodale & Erastus came to see us - the for-  
mer spoke of trading with us in sap-buckets - four of which he would make  
Dr Swift for a bbl of cider. Had an errand at Dr Swift's this eve'g & staid some  
paid time - paid him up all the money borrowed on the 6th inst. \$8.00 pr John-  
J. Rogers son - three more at this time. J.Rogers got home a pig, to keep, from  
old Green's - intending to raise his own pork.

MONDAY, OCT. 22d Fine and cool - wind N.W. Mainly engaged in picking  
apples. The N. beam of the cider press broke - rode  
to Pickett's to get Kent to come up and doctor it - he could not, for he  
was engaged fixing stable partitions for P., & on the morrow must go and  
mend a cider mill for John Morse. Did some business with D.Clark who had  
rec'd a bad wound in his mouth - injured one of his front teeth consider-  
ably - Rode to Cousin Stephens - on the way learned the news that Mrs







Gen Safford, widow of the late gen. Sam Safford departed this life this day aged 80 - with great persuasion got Stephen over here - staid all night - came by way of Capt N's on foot. I returned through Algiers - saw Aaron Norton - just recovering from sickness - had chain mended, broken by L. Jewett at his drawing - Oct 5. Had Brown's oxen to go twice to the still & to do some light choars. Rec'd in full of Isaac Gale for 8 days b'd in May - \$1.16 $\frac{1}{2}$ . Lem & also our friend Morgan returned here this eve'g

Oct 1821 148 TUESDAY, OCT. 28d Freezing m'g - fair cool day - clear air. Cider made for Dr Swift - app's gathered in Cks orch'd by father - Our much esteemed friend, F. Johnson, arrived from Shaftsbury in much better health than might be expected after a 30 ft fall. Mr D. Oatman put up here - played a new tune on the flute for us - His trunks seemed heavy laden. Rec'd of F. Morgan, towards board, in money, \$8. Birth-day My birth-day - aged 33 - so old, and yet very young in understanding. Around these days found but little time to spend in reading - enjoyed great satisfaction by being surrounded by my nearest relatives who all enjoyed comfortable health. My father, altho' near 60 lived yet with all his family under one roof - this is worth noticing.

Acorn apples Acc't at Scott & Picketts I. Judd Rogers WEDNESDAY, OCT. 24 Flying clouds - high cold wind. Clark's orchard and that by J. Rogers' were cleared, got nearly a cart 1 load from the acorn ~~let~~ tree - Carried 9 bbls sauce app's to Stephen Harwood's in the 1 h. wag. Looked over acc't at S. & Pickett's & found what we had taken up there since our last settlem't am'td to \$62.88 tow'd which had p'd \$34. - leaving due \$28.88 - this eve'g p'd \$7. more which reduced it to \$21.88, but to this had L. Leach's acc't against us added, \$14.85 - thus \$36.73" and then there was a twenty three doll. note with interest for several months which with an article (3 qts mol's) I took up this eve'g would swell the debt due this establishment to near \$63.00 Called at Merrill & Rob. office - the former promised me some money ere long. I saw our old friend I. Judd as I was going to Algiers - he was well. From Algiers bro't some chair stuff for Dix. J. Rogers accompanied me home - had bo't leath.

Waters THURSDAY, OCT. 25 Hard frost in the mg - fine day, flying clds. Made cid. 2 or 3 bbls filled in the cellar - app's gath'd &c. A man who said he was from Onondaga Co. N.Y. Revo'lutionary pensioner had been in the war of 1812 - wanted to enter as boarder here - could not take him - an old man from M'ss staid here, travelling N. - the former's name was Wilkins. Old Mrs Waters, Polly & Patty visited here P.M. Goodale & Erastus here this eve'g.

OCT 1821 149 FRIDAY, Oct. 26 Really warm & fine - Excellent day for business. Gath'rd app's all day & husked corn at night in the field - Mr Dickinson made a 2d husking at P. Smith's this eve'g - Sally & Damia rode abroad P.M. - Carried 23 yds cloth to Harvey's fulling mill Ch Norton rec'd on Norton & Sons acc't 2 bbls cider and another on that of L. Adams.







SATURDAY, OCT. 27 Exceedingly w'm, - some smoky - Ev. wind changed. to N became cold & rainy. Cider made for Dr Swift.

H. & A. Compl'd gathering app's in full except some scattering trees in the pas-  
Parsons tures. Harry & Andrew Parsons assisted. At night visited town in the  
O. C. big. wag. They rode with me. Carried to U.M. Robinson 2½ bbls sauce app's  
Merrill at 25" - Rec'd of Col Merrill 3 cid. bbls of which 2 were our own - had  
one of his at home - the other his father-in-law, Mr Demming, had taken  
Race paid away sometime ago. Paid to D. Robinson Jr att'y for Mr Race five dollars  
for in full for horse use in June 1820 - The Capt demanded a fee, but I refus  
horae use ed paying it because in settling the old Factory affair in 1818 - left  
with him seventeen cents more than the debt, which had remained in his  
hands ever since. He said he only wanted enough to pay him for adver-  
tising - 75" - I told him he must not be too hard with a free horse, that  
there would be worse delinquents (or words to that am't) than we were,  
to whom he would be obliged to apply the lash in order to obtain fees -  
It really wounded my feelings to receive such stuff from him, he who is  
always ready to preach up economy, plainness in equipage, living &c. to  
see him who ought to be a friendly neighbor act the part of an avaricious  
userer was more than my means could steadily bear - he finally, without  
importunity, let it pass as I wished. Bo't 1 lb tea at S. & P's - bo't  
Patchin & paid 50" for 4 lbs sug. at Patchins - asked the reason why we didn't t  
trade with him, told him he was not accommodating enough about pay -  
mentioned to him Eastern money &c. See V.4 Oct & Jan'y 1817-1818.

Eli Carp'r wanted to swap lambs for sheep. Sherwood at night butch-  
Boarders ered a sheep for us. Morgan & Johnson went off E. together - Sherwood  
took Doty with him to the office where they slept.

Capt David complained that he had a sick hog - enquired to know  
what was best to do for it - could not tell him.

Oct 1821 On the eve. of the 25th inst. went to neighbor Abraham Brown's & drew a  
150 promissory note of \$60. for the horse which he rec'd of father Sept 11th  
the present year - he signed it; but it was by mistake dated on the 24th  
Ab Brown of sd month because I neglected looking at the record before going over  
there and his recollection was no better than mine. Nath'l Ripley & Lym  
Sibley were present and fided to them awhile.

SUNDAY, OCT. 28 Whiffling chilling gusts & flying clds from N.W.  
Seth Parsons Received company from Hoosack - Seth Parsons Esqr  
& lady lady & nephew Chatfield - they were very sociable & agreeable - neighbor  
Parsons & his lady were absent in Pown'l - which caused them to visit us  
They left here as the sun hid himself behind Anthony. Dr Swift's cider  
was attended to. Some boys hunted squirrels. Johnson returned at eve.

MONDAY, OCT. 29 Atmosphere full of smoke - dry winds - Parsons cider  
Parsons made from a heap of 72 bbls which had been gathered  
cider some time - fell much short of his calculation - wanted 12 bbls - had but  
8. Husking in the field, day & eve'g made up our business - Dimmick car-  
Dr Swift ried away the last of Dr Swift's cider - in all 28 bbls - 20 g's.  
cider Smith Montague received a miraculous fall from the upper loft of the the  
S. Monta'e Academy into the cellar without doing him much injury.

TUESDAY, OCT. 30 Continued warm fine weather - Boys made cider -  
ground 18 bbls app's for Mr Bliss. Corn stalks bro't  
out of the field. Kent delivered 16 bbls app's to grind. At night with  
J. Rogers visited Algiers - carried capt Hills cider (3 bbls) to him -







Rogers got empty casks at Murphy's - Jon. received of his fath in 1. G. 50 or 6  
 bbls potatoes - I carried to D.Clark's 18½ lbs butter - saw Mrs Follett  
 D.Clark & Mrs Selden - Mrs C. had ushered into this world a young printer but a  
 birth short time since. Dr Swift & our young Dr's hunted together. Mrs Roxy  
 C.Norton Norton visited at J. Rogers' - very sociable it was said.  
 wife

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 31 High chilly S.E. wind - rain looked for - Corn field  
 Corn field cleared - cistern full of pomace ground. Mrs Hins-  
 dill & Mrs Edgerton visit us. Great heat races run by many courses hear  
 Horse dwacon Dimmicks. Parsons, J.Rogers, H.DeBar, J.Hand, L.Sher'd & Johnson  
 race. attended.

NOV 1821 THURSDAY, NOV. 1st Cold chilling rain from m'g till past noon - tolera-  
 151 bly pleas't P.M. Corn-husked - P.M. cid. made -  
 I carried a hhd & bbl to the still, measuring 145 galls. Some wheat was  
 Price of selling at the river at this time for \$1.75" The N's had sent off 2 lds  
 wheat at that price this day. Produce seemed now to be on the rise. On the  
 Goodale eve'g of Oct. 31st I delivered at Mr Bliss' 2 bbls cid. for him & 1 for  
 cider Mr Goodale.

FRIDAY, NOV. 2d Flying clds - chilling wind from N. Husking & press  
 Merrill & ing our cider attended to. 2 bbls of cider apiece ca  
 Murphy carried to O. C. Merrill & J. Murphy - of the former rec'd of U.M.Robin-  
 U.M.Rob- son at their office \$12 in money on acc't, which I forthwith paid over to  
 inson. Swift & Pickett - had it placed to our credit there. Rec'd also of U.M.  
 Cash. R. in full for 2½ bbls sauce apples 62½ cents - of which paid 50" by  
 the hand of his lady to L. Adams toward carding. Coming up from Algiers  
 Mrs Hull Mrs Hull the amiable consort of Hendryx C. rode with me into the street  
 - sais she expected soon to set out on a journey of 3 or 400 miles to  
 some place at which her husband resided - either in the U.S. or in Cana-  
 da, could not say which - had 5 child'n living - youngest rather over a  
 yr old - She was the 5th daughter of the late Eldad Dewey - perhaps 33 -  
 D.Clark With Henry this eve'g rode in 1 h. wag. to town - carried to D.Clark 201  
 O.C.Mer'1 lbs cheese - Saw Col Mer. at Mrs Y's where he was giving some attorney  
 advice respecting the settleme't of S.B's estate. Conversed with him af-  
 Horse ter we came away about our concerns. At Fassett's they had many remarks  
 races to make on the races - this being the last day of exhibition - said the  
 colts presented a most curious & noble spectacle. Bo't & paid for a 6"  
 Ab Brown pap. of tobacco at S. & P's. Called at Mr Brown's and had that note  
 rightly dated mentioned at the top of page 150 - had Conn't folks there  
 to see him - wanted I should pay my respects to them - but declined on  
 account of want of time.

SATURDAY, NOV. 3d Chill S. wind - rained some at night. The last batch  
 of app's ground & put under the screws. 109 bbls or  
 D.Clark more. An iron bound hhd filled with cider for Darius Clark - 111 galls -  
 carried to him by H.Debar with Browns oxen - has the use of the hhd while  
 we retain 3 of his cid. bbls to keep brandy in - one of which was new -  
 delivered to me.



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Nov 1821 marked by L. Thayer in W's store - "D. Clark", likewise carried to him 19½  
152 lbs butter and agreed to have cash for 200 lbs cheese - the remainder to go on acc't. Delivered to Cushman 2 bbls cider & to Col Merrill a like quantity - himself absent in Algiers on business - found a blunder ab't at O.C. barrels - had filled J. Murphy's for M. and sent our Gleason bbl to Merrills Murphys - marked his name on his own at Merrill's & acquainted his son with the whole history of it. The cider rec'd by Clark to go on acc't Montague too - by agreement at the office - his brother Sol & Doolittle both present. At the Acad. saw Montague & had a verbal order to receive from H. Robinson cot. shirting of which bo't on M's acc't 3½ yds for 59" - to make a shirt for J. Doty. Talked with the merchants about wid. brandy but they did not app'r anxious to buy. Mr Pickett was ab't to start for Pickett Boarders New York. Came home early in the eve'g - found Johnson playing - Hiram & Lem dancing. We talked late in the S. room about brandy, sug. & tea - high business for ladies & us

Mr SUNDAY, NOV. 4 Tolerably pleas't, chilly wind. Priest Haynes preach  
Haynes ed at the meeting house. F. Johnson spent Sabbath here ½ I wrote as usual - Johnson was so employed.

MONDAY, NOV. 5 Sour, unpleas't, easterly wind, cldy & some rainy. Mak-  
ing cider was this day brought to a close for the sea-  
Cider son. Had made nearly 154 bbls, of which about 105 were carried to Nor-  
& ton's still - sold 22½ at \$1 - only 6 for cash. Bargained with Mr Good-  
Dairy ale to supply us with ½ hund sap buckets - 4 for a bbl cider or the same number for 8 gals brandy - a part to be paid in the one & a p't in the other. Apples more than usually sound. - of these we sold upwards of 80 bbls mostly at 1/0 - saved for winter between 40 & 50 more. This part of the country yielded the above article in great profusion - Norton's & Corn Dewey's stills overflowing. Our corn pretty sound, but not so abundant as might have been expected from land in so high order - had perhaps 80 bbls from 2½ acres.

Nov 1821 We had sold upwards of 600 lbs cheese mostly for cash at \$6 pr hd and  
153 since May 20 perhaps 300 lbs butter which till of late sold at 0/9 - we might compute these articles to am't in all at ab't 75 dolls. besides we had boarders more or less through the whole season, the whole supplied by a dairy of 14 cows till Sept, after which time swapped away a heifer for an old cow to fat - More than 1 third of them, said dairy, were young cows & heifers. Our family since the 1st of Ap'l including the regular Family boarders up to the last week in September am'td to 14, exclusive of Montague & his hands - From the latter period a diminution of 3 persons took place by the withdrawal of Jonathan, Joseph and Theodosia, but there was yet a reinforcem't in the person of J. Doty - at this time however except our 3 students, we had only the members of our own family - John & Henry being at work for Mr Brown. Over & above taking care of cider, husked corn - drove B's cattle off the rye W. of the N. meadow and mended Mrs fence for him. Our ladies boiled cider. Lem & Freeb. pres't, Morg. not.  
Crawford On Saturday settled a little acc't with Mrs Crawford - B. Har'd \$3.44" - Mrs C. \$3.55" - for spinning - due her 11" - but rhe ,adies deducted from our acc't \$1.50 for shoes, for which she was to have a longer pay day allowed, leaving due at this time \$1.60" 61" of which she rec'd a part in butter (3 lbs 12") Very little snow had been seen yet.  
Snow

TUESDAY, NOV. 6 E. wind - chilly, but tolerably pleas't till evening & then blew hard & chill indeed. Secured garden oro-







Garden duce including a moderate yield of Russian turnips - no heads to cabbages  
 D.Clark Brown made cider - At night I carried 17 lbs butter to D. Clark - visited  
 Cloth bot Fulling Mill at Hartwell's - alias Hinsdills - got a short piece of cloth  
 of the dressing of which \$1.62 had charged to Mr Sherwood on acc't of Lem's  
 Hinsdill board. Bo't of J. Hinsdill on E. Montague's acc't for J. Doty, 2½ yds  
 Montague woolen cloth at 8/0 pr yd. Morgan here. They were butchering hogs at  
 Walbridge's. Bright moon at night.

Nov 1821 WEDNESDAY, NOV. 7 Cloudy, unpleas't & some rainy. E. st. cont'd.  
 154 Cleared the bn floor of corn fodder & thrashed 3 bh  
 beans - hhd of cider, 120 gs lent to Brown - we assisted about loading  
 Brown it besides other choars - B. had many hands to assist at his app. & cid  
 business. The boys talked about preaching while at supp. We pared  
 app's at night.

Wheat THURSDAY, NOV. 8 Black, cloudy & chilly - wd N. Exclusive of choars  
 2 bbls of spg wheat was thrashed. The ladies rec'd  
 Company the co'y of Mrs Dickinson, Miss C. and Miss L. Loomis. Miss C.L. said  
 her S. bill for tuition for Adeline amounted to \$1.41" Erastus & Mld'd  
 Brandy here this eve'g - Johnson and I fluted together. A stranger bo't a pt  
 of brandy and paid for it and was off again.

Visit at FRIDAY, NOV. 9 Fine morning - soon clouded over - rained before  
 Edgerton night - wind furiously blew from S.E. Some husking  
 Parsons was performed - Father & Mother went to Mr Edgerton's & staid all night  
 Brown md cid. Parsons visited here this eve'g - wife gone to Hoosack  
 with Mrs Dick'n

SATURDAY, NOV. 10 A terrible storm of rain & wind from S.E. arose the  
 preceding night & cont'd till nearly 12 o'clock this  
 day. Cont'd wet, cloudy, & chilly during the rem'd of the day. The  
 boys bro't down Dix's fiddle in the mg on which I played a little rough-  
 ly - We got wet milking the cows - took care of things & shelled some  
 Boarders corn. Our boys P.M. went a hunting - Jon. & Morgan inclusive. Ev'g H.  
 H.Waters Waters came down and they had a dance - I fif'd a few hocks but the  
 chief source of music was the flute played by J. & me - sometimes joint-  
 ly, and sometimes separately. Jonathan was taken with the cholic in the  
 L. forep't of the eve'g & had to send after castor oil which gave relief -  
 Sherwood A supp'r of squirrel was had at his house. Lem's brother Loran came to  
 carry him home - staid all night with us. Ab't mid. P.M. father & moth-  
 er arrived from visiting at Edgerton's

SUNDAY, NOV. 11 Continued cloudy, chilly & very unpleas't - Sherwood  
 rode home with his brother - Frank went to Pown'l.  
 Boarders Freeb hunted some with the unlucky boys and then went home. Eve'g fath-  
 Capt er & mother visited Capt N's - Mrs N. better - John was going to Troy  
 Nortons with app's







Nov 1821 MONDAY, NOV. 12th Very raw chilly air - cloudy - wind N.W. Rained at  
155 the morning. The usual round of choars & husking  
10 baskets of corn made up this day's work. Brown continued making ci-  
der under the care of Ripley & Debar. Jona's folks pared app's in the  
Brown eve'g

TUESDAY, NOV. 13 Chilly - raw wind - flying clds - snowed some toward  
night - froze hard after sunset - Snow on the moun-  
Dimmick tains. Dimmick butchered a hog here this morning that weighed 303 lbs -  
butchered D. then went to his father's to work - With father walked through the  
pastures which skirt the base of Mt Anthony, back of Norton's, Fay's,  
Eli Car- Loomis' & R. Carpenter's to Eli Carpenter's at the old Watson house  
penter Pow'l. Saw large fields of corn unharvested. Our business with C. was  
to see some lambs which he had proposed to let us have for old sheep -  
there were but 20 and those pretty small, had sold early this m'g a like  
number to Esq'r Dunham - this number was too small for us to think of  
trading for, so we agreed to defer it until he should bring as many more  
from Shaftsbury which he said were of a superior quality to these -  
If we had bargained for the lot it was understood to be at two for one,  
but for the others some difference was to be made as circumstances might  
be. Mr C. shewed us some very good corn raised the pres't year N. & N.  
W. of his barn on slaty land - had not compleated husking it - had late-  
ly put 9 hogs into a new pen. Corn house pretty well stored with corn.  
His mother was there ill. Dr Heman Swift came to visit her just after  
our departure. Saw there Mrs Duncan & her daughter Amanda. Mr C. since  
his residence on the farm had removed the old cider house from the S. to  
the N. side of the mansion house and occupied it as a wood house.  
Father had not visited this spot since hoeing corn for Thomas & Waite  
our former neighbors in 1801 - nor had I more than once since, it was  
then owned by Silas Watson an early settler of Pow'l. Came home by the  
road. Saw Loomis' establishm't for fattening hogs & liked it.

Nov 1821 It was P.M. before we reached home - here meat was cut up & salted -  
156 visit rec'd from Mr Brown's father in law, Mr Vrenap of North Castle, N.  
Y. near Greenwich, Conn. He & father very near of an age - talked much  
Mr Knapp respecting Revolutionary times. Our boarders, J. Rogers & H. Waters pro-  
Squirrel jected a hunting match to take place on the 16th - Morgan, to appear-  
hunt. ance, hearty in the cause. Visited town, but could get no money - Saw  
Books new books at Clark's - Trumbull's Poems, neat in boards, the President's  
Morgan Tour, 1817-18 &c. Coming home called at Hicks' and heard Frost relate  
some horse-breaking stories - spent a mom't at Dr S's office - Morg'n  
had just reached there. Freeb had been reading all of the greater part  
of the eve'g - quite singular for the former whose hours were not often  
devoted to pleasure, whatever profit his application might be to him.  
H. DeBar Henry DeBar this eve'g rec'd at Swift & Pickett's goods on our acct  
Lydia vis to the am't of \$3.47 Lydia, this P.M., paid a nice visit to Miss Clar  
its C.L. Loomis, a thing she had not done for some yrs past.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 14 Snowed mod. in the mg - before night quite a little  
Brown's flurry came down - cold. Finished corn-husking.  
cider Brown had his last mess of app's ground up by Ripley & Debar. Johnson  
52 bbls at night watched with Burrel Green who lay sick of a fever at his fathers  
Sherwood Lem danced to the rough tones of Dix's fiddle played by me.







THURSDAY, NOV. 15 Black, cloudy, muddy & Chilly. Thrashed oats with father. Eve'g I became very musical with the old fiddle.

Boarders Johnson app'd in fine spirits, though some displeased with his fri'd Morgan on acc't of his falling from his engagement about the squirrel hunt which at first was contrived so as to have Lem & Hi. match for Morg.

Squirrel hunt Rog's & Johnson - each to have an assistant, and that party which should lose the day was to provide or pay for a supper for the whole - our ladies were to cook it. Damia was gallanted to a Ball at Mr Hicks' by Reub

Mr Knapp Robinson. Erastus attend'd. Father & I visited at Mr Browns'. Mr Knapp sociable indeed about Whitepl's battle & a great many things relative to the war of '75 - had history & flute there.

Nov 1821 157 The old lady & her daughter of 17 appeared to advantage, they had a son with them likewise of a healthful countenance - perhaps aged 15 -

Gov Jay Gov Jay of Bedford, N.Y. was mentioned as a very fine character - lived not a great way from them - a man of great generosity to the poor & needy, his riches were beyond the common standard & it seems he makes a proper use of them. Our hunting boys all lodged here this night.

Snow FRIDAY, NOV. 16 Continued nasty & unpleas't. Snowed & then set in to a slow rain which lasted with frequent intervals all day - carried off most of the snow by night in the low-lands. Completed

Oats thrashing & cleaned up ab't 20 bbls oats - accurate measure there was no more than 21 bbls. Went on foot to town tho' the ground was soft & muddy

Bisby At Mr Bisby's found them at supper - Cyrus rather troublesome whined for his supper - all the rest appeared very pretty. Mr B. could raise

Patchin no cash for me at this time - excused him & passed on to Patch's and talked with him about bombazette which he would dispose of at 3/3 and pay

Cushman 27" for oats - Went to Cushman's & rec'd in full for cider two dollars - one of which being the solid specie he shrewdly called "Verm't" money.

Brown paid Mr Poole & uncle J. Curtis were present at the same time. Marched for home - at Mr Browns' paid the fore-mentioned money to him for that which I borrowed of him on the 8th of Oct. At home found our young men with Lydia & Damia, dancing - Johnson playing for them - I joined him soon - and the dance finally ended in my scraping the cat-gut - and that assuredly in wretched style - but so anxious were they for an attempt of the kind that they applauded it, bad as it might be. Lem & Hiram won the

Squirrel hunt prize by a small majority - their number being 16 and that of Roger & Johnson 13 grey squirrels - J. killed more than either of the others individually, so that in all probability had Morgan hunted, the two first would have been beaten.

Those who supped here as seconds to the huntsmen, were J. Doty, M. Wickwire, N. Ripley Jun, & J. Hard. H. Debar, J. Hand & F. Morg'n also supped & joined in the evening amusem't - but otherwise were only spectators. Kent had wag. to go mill with.

Nov 1821 158 Mr Parsons present this evening as a spectator - well entertained.

SATURDAY, Nov. 17th Cloudy - mild - muddy ugly travelling. The boys having this morning amused themselves awhile at hunting & firing at a mark, dispersed to attend to their several occupations - I settled with our boarders & found that Morgan had tarried with us since the first of April, 23 weeks & 5 days - Sherwood from the same date - 30







wks & 6 days & Johnson 31 weeks, all at a dollar pr week - of the 1st had rec'd \$8.00 in cash, of the 2d \$10.00 & otherwise enough perhaps to make it all am't to \$15.00

At the time of receiving Mr J. as boarder it was agreed that he shld not pay until the end of the yr - but said he meant to pay \$15.00 in Jany if circumstances favored. With our boarders we had never the ill fortune to have any difficulty, all were good boys. Morgan now departed to keep school at Pawn'l meeting house & Johnson to like business over by Lawrence's - S.E. pt of Bennington. With Damia rode to F. Blackmer's to buy Bombazetre - found a piece she liked very well, but too dear - drove to Patchin Patchins' & took 14 yds - for which paid him in full at night - amt'g to \$7.12, includ'g sewing silk. Instead of paying him the oats sold them to Fassett for 25" pr bhl. Next visited Algiers - wanted to see Murphy but Catharine he was gone to Lenox. At Mr Godfrey's went to get Catherine to bring home for J. Rogers - her father, low in health, but so as to keep about - landed with her & D. at this mansion - took supper and then with young Oats to Nancy conveyed 20 bhls oats to Mr Fassett & rec'd paym't \$5.00 - likewise Fassett of D. Clark roward cheese chiefly, in F's barroom, \$3.00 more. At this place a Mr Newell, of rough appearabce, tolerably intelligent but not Onery what I should call scientific, exhibited a newly invented orrery - a child of his own, which apparebtly described the several astronomical circles &c., with great precision, of complicated & elegant workmanship - applauded by all great literary characters. He shewed another piece of mechanism used in

Nov 1821 159 ascertaining latitude, longitude &c - the name of which I do not recollect  
The gentleman being decrepit, and having the use of but one eye, a small contribution was made for him, by which he obtained something toward his support - his onery was estimated to be worth about \$300. He resided at Tinmouth, I was informed. Found Dimmick & rode with him or bro't him to his house. Talked very sociably.

At home I scraped out a few tunes in a bungling manner.

SUNDAY, NOV. 18 Black, cloudy & gloomy. Employed in writing most of the day. Father who had attended service, with mother Dimmick & Damia visited at Mr Brown's in the eve'g. Dimmick paid me a visit this morning. Evening entertained 2 drovers and their cattle. Mr Victory Tomlinson of Plymouth, C't., deaf, could tell a good story - a line veteran.

MONDAY, NOV. 19 Cloudy, chilly & muddy - some round snow. We worked half a day on the highway and were allowed for it by Highway work capt N. & Son's. Settled accounts with friend Luman - credited us 105 bbl Acc'ts & 18 gs cider. Brandy due on last yrs score was about 4 gallons which at added to what our cider would bring us this yr amounted to 216 gs - after Norton's deducting from it what they had charged in book including 230 ft pine boards, rec'd Nov. 1820, left due us 210½ gs. Settlem't being ended assisted him in marking on an unburnt gallon jug the initials of my name & the year being inscribed on the bott. of it. Let me mention that our settlement did not include the highway w'k above. After getting home assisted Bliss about mending barn door &c. Mr Bliss & Eld'd drew lime for Erastus. Ripley Mr Ripley, his sons & Jerry Granger made cider here from apples bo't of Hiram & Brown. Henry would have attended school, but there was none. Beginning of the eve'g a short visit was rec'd from our cousins Hiram & Martha Harwood. Rode with Sally to carry yarn to Mrs Dickinson to weave. Lem re-







B.Green sumed his station here. Found I had omitted giving Burrel Green Cr for his highway work in June.

Nov 1821 Mr Tomlinson the gentleman who tarried here Sabbath night said he belonged  
160 to Plymouth, N. of New Haven, county of Litchfield. He was so deaf that I did not undertake to talk with him much - had recourse to pen and ink -  
V.Tomlin- proposed several questions - a part of which he answered very readily.  
son From what he related it appeared that he possessed considerable property - had been engaged in some important law suits - had one still pending in the N. of this state - (His father raised 12 out of 14 children) - Lost his hearing at Mud Island - 1777 - The young man who was with him betrayed ignorance - could give but an imperfect account of what he had seen or heard. Mr T. was born about the year 1759 - had with him a horse & 23 hd of cattle.

TUESDAY,,NOV. 20 Cloudy, some frozen & cold, wd N.W. Rode to town in  
H.Debar the big wag. He Debar in company - Called awhile at  
Brick & F.Blackmer's store - did not track any - saw H. Clark & Elliot Hills mak-  
sand ing great professions of friendship toward each other - Mr Bisby was there - wanted to buy my cheese but said that it was difficult to pay. Went up the hill - sold  $22\frac{3}{4}$  lbs cheese for 6" cash on credit to D.C.Clark.  
Montague Bo't of Harry Robinson  $6\frac{1}{2}$  yds cot. shirting at 31" - the whole for \$2  
Morse - paid cash 50" & had the remainder \$1.50 on E. Montague's acc't.  
Then, taking in Erastus, Morse, Job Burt & S.Mont. (the last only rode to W. Haswell's) went to Saff'd Robinson's - Debar in Co - called at  
Lucy Rob- the house - shook hands with cousin Lucy in very friendly style - she ap-  
inson peared in good spirits - Mrs Follett present, said she didn't think Mrs  
Nathan Nichols would live long unless she got immediate assistance - we got sand  
Robinson below uncle Sam's - Nathan directed where to find it - all well there -  
Major did not see aunt Sarah. Rec'd of Mont. 200 weath'r bricks - my load hung  
Haynes heavily rising the hill - Bricks at 80" - Major Haynes wanted to make another paper trade for brandy. Father had fixed up many notions about home.

Nov 1821 WEDNESDAY, NOV. 21 Bid fair for tolerable weather in the mg. Snowed abt  
161 noon - lasted but little time - cloudy till night.  
Kent Kent did a job at filing saw for Rogers and set 2 hoops for us. I carried  
Cider to bbl cider to the still - Jo Day Jun came there & bo't qt brandy - trusted  
Norton & for 25" - full of his own importance as usual. Went to Algiers with 1 bbl  
Gabey cider and 2 qts brandy which I left at Gabey's - \$1.25 - Cask Mr Brown's.  
T.Harvey Rode to Harvey's - they had in use a new shearing machine bo't at Hoosack  
of S. & H. Parsons - Procured a bill of what H. had done for us - \$3.74 -  
ordered it put to Mr Sherwood's acc't. Returned to the still and had 2  
Brandy bbls filled with brandy by John N. Jun assisted by his little boy, a pleas-  
ing little character - am't of brandy rec'd -  $63\frac{1}{2}$  gals - This constituted  
Farmers' my days work. Father was ill, worked within doors. Eve'g read Farmer's  
Manual Manual with which we were well pleased.

THURSDAY, NOV. 22 Cloudy, chilly, high wd from S. Dark rainy night.  
Father ill. A few oats thrashed. Kent worked some  
fixing shelf & fire board for Rogers. Will Smith bargained with Parsons







Ball for his mare, waggon and saddle. Damia attended a ball at Fassett's. Henry arrived late in the eve'g from town.

J.Frost TUESDAY, NOV. 23d Cloudy, muddy, flying clds from N.W. Had young Nan  
settl't FRIDAY cy shod at Frost's where made a very friendly set-  
of accts tlem't. F. produced a fair book in which every-  
thing was entered up this daye - his acc't amount'd to \$39.72 - ours to  
\$22.40 - due him \$17.32 - Delivered to Col Merrill 39 lbs butter - went  
to D.Clark's to see if he wanted to buy pork - he did, but not pay alto-  
gether cash - no trade. Col Merrill took me to S. & Pickett's to  
change an Eastern \$10 bill, which Mr P. could not do - saw Mrs Swift  
there buying cot. cloth at 2/4 - next went to H. Robinson's - no success  
there - rec'd no money - but do not mention that on account of any anxi-  
ety I felt ab't it - Saw Fassett, D. Ruttenbur, Greenwood & others  
stewing after the ball. Tried Hall to see if he wished to buy hog -  
but answered no - borrowed Prince Eugene of him. Parsons, H. Waters &  
Lem spent eve here - the 2 last were dancing with Lyd and Damia when the  
latter by accideny very seriously injured her right foot.

Nov 1821 SATURDAY, NOV. 24 Snowed moderately most of the day - dreary. Got  
162 home cart from Dr Swift's by means of his oxen with  
which drew out 1 load of manure and another of pumace from the cid. pres  
Cid Mill Cider mill taken down & with all materials appertaining laid up for the  
Dimmick season - Dimmick assisted - he likewise helped us get 2 bbls brandy into  
the cellar. Eve'g Parsons visited here. I made the fid. groan.

Rogers SUNDAY, NOV. 25 Snowy - very wintry - cold blasts from N.W. Wrote  
acc'ts for Rogers & myself - found acc'ts nearly even since  
March 19th., 1821 Father attended meeting P.M.

H. Debar MONDAY, NOV. 26 Cloudy & cold - snow did not melt much. We thrashed  
acc'ts rye. On Saturday looked over acc'ts with H. Debar  
who worked for us from April lay to Nov 1st - lost time  $7\frac{1}{2}$  days - of  
which 3 he had made up since the latter date - his acc't was \$42. - ours  
about \$20. - Mr Kent lame & out of wood - picked up a cutter load & car-  
ried him - for which he was very thankful. Dr Swift came down to see  
Damia's lame foot - no bones out. Rogers went to Algiers - G. House  
paid us a visit on account of waiting to see him. Perused the Life of  
Prince Eugene which is written by himself in low style.

Rye TUESDAY, NOV. 27 Cold, flying clouds from N.W. - snow covered the  
ground but made no sleighing, or if any - very bad.  
Frost We cleaned up  $11\frac{3}{4}$  bbls rye - 4 were measured up for Frost - this I put  
Dimmick aboard of the 1 h. wag - went to Wallace's - rec'd for Dimmick a bhl of  
corn and peck of fine salt - had the former ground - returned with both  
& left there with Miss D. Frost's rye carried to Safford's mill where  
it would be ground next day. While waiting for the corn at Dewey's -  
went to see if the Norton's could settle acc'ts - but they were burning  
coal-pit - fixing barn - snaking up wood &c. not able to attend to it -  
walked into capt Hill's - saw him working at an old stove pipe - then  
Capt took seat in the bar-room. Esq'r Wilder there who read







Nov 1821 conclusion of Dr Griffin's sermon at New Ark N.J. & the late acc't of  
163 the Assembly of Vt defining the powers of Justices of the Peace &c.  
Two strangers were present besides Mr Love & Capt W. Burt who appeared  
Rob't to have a cause pending before Esq W. Court was opened and allowed to  
Crossett remain so till 5 P.M. to accommodate Mr L. & I came away. Say it was  
Frost then 3 o'clock. Riding in comp'y with Robert Crossett, enquired the age  
of his eldest brother & himself - was answered 32 & 21 - Called at Frost  
saw there a Woodford ~~man~~ Lyon. G.House & Dav. Black - we talked about  
Pork pork which they said was selling badly at the river - F. said he was  
willing to give for such as ours \$5 if it were as low as a dollar there.  
And 5½ if it sold for \$5 in Troy - engaged him a whole or half hog as  
Cows circumstances might dictate. At night stabled cows - assisted at paring  
Parsons apples. Parsons came up & talked of school affairs. Len was sick - lay  
on mother's bed while we pared app's.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 28 Cold freezing mg - but mild day - not so cloudy as  
Montague it had been. Had stove chimney built by E.Montague  
Chimney W. part of the house which worked well. Henry assisted. I visited Lu-  
H.Debar man twice - got two butter-pots, of one of which made a crock - and two  
L.Norton small preserve pots - at 0/9 - the whole am'td to 8/6. Mentioned to him  
P.Eugene that I was reading Prince Eugene. We were informed of the interment of  
Death of Lyman Breckenridge agd ab't 30. Sherwood rode home sick. Father mend-  
Lyman ed windows at night. Mr B. was the son of Mr Daniel Brack'rdge - tended  
Bracken- Adams' carding machine the summer past, very faithfully - Small in stat-  
ridge. ure - not gifted so much as some intellectually - was of good disposi-  
tion - honest, industrious & very attentive to business.

Dec 1821 THURSDAY, NOV. 29 Snowed more or less all day - Windows were patched &  
164 other preparations made for winter which we consider  
ed as fairly settled upon us. Wickwire's boy came here to look for  
Winter stray sheep that they had been keeping for Wallace - think 2 or 3 were  
Wickwire found. Dimmick came and staid all night here ready to butcher next day-  
Dimmick had been doing the same for his father. Henry chopped some wood for  
Kent Kent. J.Rogers finished me a pr of boots, but they were too small for me  
J.Rogers & so I returned them next day. Anson Fox tarried all night with us

FRIDAY, NOV. 30 Cloudy & tolerably cold all day. Dimmick & Erastus'  
& Eldred man, Eldred, helped us butcher 6 hogs - here follows  
Butcher a list of them as they were weighed, including that which 1....340  
pork we killed on the 13th. Their weight singly did not amount 2....307  
to what it did in 1820, but the frames were less and the 3....303  
pork considered of a better quality than it was then. Sold 4....302  
E.Waters one hg to E.Waters, weighing 302 lbs, half do to F.Frost - 5....293  
J.Frost 145 lbs - Eve'g Dimmick cut up pork - was very good. Henry 6....275  
H.Debar assisted us this day. H. & J.Rogers rode to town together 7....271  
L.Sher- at night - conveyed Waters' pork to him. L.Sherwood arriv'd 2091 Lbs  
wood from his father's. Sold J. Rogers 271 lbs pork.

SATURDAY, DEC. 1 Cloudy, raw wind from S. tolerable sleighing/ Fath-  
er busy about prork - D'k assisted - cut up Jena's  
too. Hen & I thrashed 2 bhls 6 qts sprg wheat & carried it to mill.  
Ret'd capt Robinson's big steel-yards - saw a youngish woman below







stairs, whom I did not know - Visited the Academy - saw Montague, Eld'd & S. Mont. lathing - and the joiners - D. Ruttenb - H. Waters, H. Blackm'r and besides Mr Adams the school master working with them at the bench.  
 Goods of Rec'd of E. Montague \$1.00 in an E'n bill . Bo't at S. & Pickett's 6  
 S & P lbs sug at

Dec 1821 13½" - 1 gall molas's 50" - 2 lbs rice at 4½ - 2 oz cin at do - 1 lb  
 165 tea 71" & 2 yds hat binding at 5" - Am't in all to \$2.37 pf which paid  
 Waters down \$1. H. Waters, John Doty and Lem staid here this night.  
 Doty

Sherwood SUNDAY, DEC. 2d Wind strong in the S. Stove smoked at times. Mr  
 Wickwire & Sons came & took away 4 or 5 stray sheep  
 which they said, except 2, belonged to the Carpenters - the others to  
 Parsons Wallace & Rudd. Mrs Parsons paid her respects to us - staid perhaps an  
 Rogers hour - Jon had cutter & mare to go with Lem to his father's.

MONDAY, DEC. 3 Quite fine in the morning - P.M. flying clouds from  
 N.W. Axes were ground - windows repaired and such  
 like doings, fixing for winter. Near night went to mill - called at  
 Frost Frost's - saw there Bliss Loomis - at the mill E. Waters' had just com-  
 E Waters pleasted repairs - packed his tools, and came away - bro't a grist along  
 H. Debar for Frost. Henry performed a small journey to Pownal for Rogers - pro-  
 L. Sherw'd cured no shoemaker. Our friend L. Sherwood, who by his obliging kind-  
 nesses had the good will won of all our family, informed us that in fu-  
 ture he should board at Dr Swift's - asked to be rec'd again when it  
 should be good weather - he had leave without hesitation. Sleighing  
 spoiled. At Dr Swift's had leave of Mrs Swift to visit the Dr's library  
 and after looking some time - not feeling a disposition to meddle with  
 Pity's Giftbig books - took a small one for children entitled Pity's Gift.

TUESDAY, DEC'R 4th Warm- thawy & muddy - cloudy too. Yoked a pair of ya  
 Bullocks young bullocks for the first time - drove before the  
 ox-sled - they behaved tolerably well. We began preparing a place in the  
 Brown N. horse stable for tying up oxen & cows. Mr Brown had the litt. wag. to  
 go to mill and to gallant ladies to town.

Dec 1821 WEDNESDAY, DEC'R 5 Moderate, muddy, cloudy. Snowed at nght. Completed  
 166 fixing stable. Raised the S. b.yd gate 4 or 6 inches  
 higher - sevdral cow-bows were made by father in the evening. I fid'd  
 History some & read some in Bigland on the history of France during the reign of  
 Francis 1st, Henry the 2d, Francis 2d, Charles the 9th & Hen 3rd - in  
 those days they had terrible religious wars & assassinations.  
 Thanksgiving Lydia made considerable preparation for thanksgiving - Sally follow-  
 ed suit as near as she could. J. Rogers & lady went to father Godfrey's  
 to stay over night in order to keep the day with them. In town they had  
 a great shooting match. Henry helped Mr Brown cart manure.

THURSDAY, DEC'R 6 Thanksgiving. Looked up & laid away newspapers -  
 Thanksgiving shaved & prepared for taking supper. Both sides of  
 the house united at table where we entertained the following persons:  
 Messrs L. Sherwood Sen, E. Montague, L. Sherwood Jun'r, F. Johnson, H.  
 Debar & S. Montague. Uncle Sherwood tarried till some time in the eve'g.



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Paid us \$10. towards his son's board - and went home. Our good friends Sherwood & J. staid over night with us - paid us a fine visit. Henry decamped to a small party at W. Green's. Hiram Waters, Gid House & Montagu assisted at dancing here this eve'g - the latter in the most regular manner that I ever knew him before. Dr S. visited mother this m'g.

FRIDAY, DEC'R 7th On the 6th middling pleas't but cloudy. Carried a T. Harvey pieve of woolen cloth to Harvey's - 13 yds - prdered it for men's wear - butternut color. Left there & walked a little way W. Green with W. Green's youngest boy - W. Jun - who said he was the youngest of Jun'r the family - aged 10 yrs - 3 Jan'y 1822. Visited Printing O.

Dec 1821 a good while. looked at books - saw Bolingbroke on the Study of History 167 - paid my respects to Merrill & Robinson - Mumford Eldred was present doing business in the law way - also saw a Mr Raymond transacting some business with John Austin about a place of which the former had by way of Eldred J.C. Walker obtained a right-out-Deed - wanted to arrange it so as to be Raymond secure for the pay. At Swift & Pickett's paid \$10. - S. & P. were ab't J. Hubbell to close their partnership. Saw James Hubbell who with his family had Dr Swift lately returned from a 7 yrs residence in N.Y. city. With Dr S. exchange S & Pick'ted \$76. - money rec'd of drovers on the City & N. River banks for that on Connecticut banks - Borrowed Greg. Dict. 1st Vol - Spent most of the ev'g with it.

SATURDAY, DEC'R 8 Cloudy - light snow occasionally from S.W. - not cold Worked hard indeed endeavor to break bullocks on a J. Rogers flooring of spring wheat - Mr bull was very stuffy. Bliss L. came up to acct with see J. Rogers - the latter in the eve'g settled acc'ts with J. Norton & Norton's Sons who collectively owed him about \$17. Hiram Waters visited here this night - app'd happy. Father made bows for tying up cattle. I read in Gregory big Dict'y on Zoology - horses & other annimals under that head, some insects &c.

SUNDAY, DEC'R 9th Tho' far from real fine weather, yet much more so than it had been for a long time previous. Perused J. Potter Gregory on the Baloons &c. An old man of slender frame, mean appearance Parsons & softly address had leave to put up over night here - said he fought in & lady. Hennington battle. Parsons & lady visited at J. Rogers'

MONDAY, DEC'R 10th Froze hard in the night - moderate & cloudy. Worked Bullocks hard breaking bullocks which were really sullen & stuffy - sledged a few light jags of rails, plank, wood, stone, b't from lime-kiln &c. Rogers went to Algiers at night to buy Henry cloth for his gay suit. John Potter was the name of our old friend from Whitehall - 60 in Aug. last - 1 son & 1 daughter.

Dec 1821 TUESDAY, DEC'R 11 S. wind, smart shower of snow about noon - some rain 168 too - increase of snow but trifling. We winnowed some more than 6 bhls sp'g wheat. J. Rogers rec'd 2 bbls cid. brandy of the Norton's at 50¢ - which he sold in Algiers at E. Safford's store for J. Rogers 2/6 pr gal - \$12 - in cash, the remainder in goods - deposited \$5 with me brandy to pay his Troy demand (Oct. 8) Melissa Street having performed a job in H. Debar tayloring here on Monday was car'd home this morning - Hen. performed this & went with J. Rog.



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Weather WEDNESDAY, DEC'R 12 Not free from clouds - but we viewed it to be fairer than any day since the forepart of Oct - Air pretty cold in the shade. Completed threshing spring wheat with horses - At night read Gregory on Air. L.Jewett & lady came to see our stove.

Gregory

E.Wind THURSDAY, DEC'R 13 Stormed hail & snow from S.E. which in the forepart of the evening increased to a hurricane - however it lasted but little time - over-turned the steeple to the new academy -

Parsons started some horse-sheds, blew down fences &c. Parsons visited us this morning - talked of sending to Troy for salt - Brown had lately butchered

Sp Wheat his pork - pretty good. 7 bbls & 13/32 sp'g wheat cleaned & measured.

Company Mrs Street & Mrs Waters paid our ladies a visit.

FRIDAY, DEC'R 14 Roaring N.W. wind - flying clds - crusty or I would say, crusted snow - which was thin - some drifted.

L.Norton Looked for sheep. Father & I together - were at Luman's shop awhile - saw

Company saw Capt N. - L. & J. & old Mr Bovee & Capt D.B.Bratt after brandy - L. & I talked of books - marked a jug "H.H.". L.Sherwood & H.Waters waited upon Mrs Brown & Miss Knapp here on a visit this eve'g. On or about the

Wood 1st of Nov had on hand say 18 cords hard wood under a temporary shelter - about 1/6 of it had now been burnt.

Dec 1821 SATURDAY, DEC'R 15 Cold freezing wind first S.W. & then N.W. - freezing 169 night. Threshed all our wint't wheat at two floorings with horses. H.Waterms, Lem & Freeb here this night - took much

H.Waters pains to get Eliza Norton, C. Loomis & Miss Knapp here. Mrs A.Godfrey &

Mrs B. her sister, Mrs Whitney, visited Catharine. The young company collected

Miss at J.Rogers', not here, as inadvertently stated above, they were late about

Knapp. it.

F.Johnson SUNDAY, DEC'R 16 Pretty fair for these times - flying clds - Perused Greg. on Chymestry mostly - E. Johnson tarried till

Singing P.M. supped & returned to his school dis't. Hiram & Lem lay in bed till

meeting. about noon and then pushed for other quarters. Lydia attended singing school at the C. House. Father went to Church as usual.

Winter MONDAY, DEC'R 17 Pleas't, hazy tow'd n't - moderate. The sum total of wheat our wint'r wheat amounted to  $8\frac{3}{4}$  bbls (P. 227)<sup>m</sup> The

H.A.Fay above added to the sp'g wheat to 35 bbls 20 qts. Most of our flock was found and bro't home. Eve'g read H.A.Fay's pamphlet concerning his af-

Greg. fair with Mr Cutts &c. pretty droll - pretty droll - it was all a queer jumble. Some more of Greg. on Chymestry this long night, but not the wiser much for it.

TUESDAY, DEC'R 18 Snowed slowly till past noon - warm without wind till eve'g - seemed cooler then - w'd N.W. Thrashed oats,

Visits a part of thentime alone - P.M. father who had been to town with Mother, assisted. Mr Bliss talked to us awhile. Mother visited at E.Waters P.M. Lydia & Dama at Browns Eve'g.

J.Frost WEDNESDAY, DEC'R 19 Moderate wint. weat'r Carried girls to Waters' and had horses shod at Frost's. On the hill saw uncle Sam & others - agreed to take a load of lard to Troygor William



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Wallace.

Dec 1821 Rec'd from Col Merrill tow'd debt three dollars - at the office. Visited  
170 town again at night in order to get my load, but W. had not time to weigh  
it to me - J. Rogers webt with me - returned with L. & D. from Waters'.  
Cash of Returned 1st Vol of Gregory to Dr S. - Friend Morgan had returned to the  
Col Merrill study of Physic. H. Waters & J. Rogers settled acc'ts this ev - the am't  
Gregory during 15 or 18 months was about \$36. - difference in favor of the former  
F. Morgan over 1 dol. R. had signed toward the academy \$5 which he had calculated  
H. Waters to pay in his work, but now found he must advance the cash - his signa-  
J. Rogers ture not specifying anything else. This academy was at this time making  
Academy quite a racket - it was unfinished - builders wanted their pay.

THURSDAY, DEC'R 20 Eather warm cloudy, wd S.E.W. With a load of 17 firk-  
Troy ins of lard for H. Wallace went to Troy - left it at  
Wm Pierce & Joslins - rode back to the upper part of the town - put up at  
Lard for Sterns' - visited Parker's book store - saw many fine books - among which  
Wallace were the Ody, Life of Garrick, Marchand's Voyages, Universal Biog, Class-  
ican Dic'y &c. Several teams were out from Bennington. L. Upham accom-  
panied by uncle Sam left a ld of lard where I did and went to Albany on  
business for Wallace where he had sent several loads of tallow. G. House  
was in with Pork. Produce of all kinds low - Rye  $4\frac{1}{4}$  to  $4\frac{1}{6}$  - wheat 9/0.

FRIDAY, DEC'R 21 Rainy from the S. in the A.M. P.M. cloudy & thawy -  
the sleighing being as thin as it possibly could be  
& be called so in many places spoiled - but however this might be started  
with 12 hund. & 11 lbs plast'tto near the foot of the Potter hill, there  
cousin Hiram Perez overtook me returning from Albany - generously took a  
heavy bag and carried it to Kenyions, this side then four corners - left 5  
more - called at K's - took that I got home about 7 in the evening.

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Dec'r 21 We rec'd of (R) Franklin Morgan toward board \$9.00 in bills - good.

SATURDAY, DEC'R 22 Cold, cloudy, snowed some so as to make it a little bet  
Dimmick ber doinf's - Settled acc'ts with Horace Dimmick who  
was now about starting for Pownal with his family. Our charges exceeded  
\$17 - his was ab't as much over \$10 - gave his note for \$7.05 Made a  
place to store plaster, & P.M. bro't home that which I had left on the  
Wm Eldred way - Wm Eldred from Brigg's went with me and tarried with us over night.  
Pres Mes Father finished threshing ab't 500 shvs rye. The president's Message was  
in the pres't weeks Gazette.

SUNDAY, DEC'R 23d Pleas't but cold, like other wint. days. Montague &  
H. Waters H. Waters were here - the former posted books - hav-  
ing provided himself with a new sett - the latter had a sore hand. Per-  
formed writing and read in the eve'g the siege of Constantinople - 1453 -  
Constantinople. Bigland - V.4. Father visited church. Lydia attended singing meeting.

MONDAY, DEC'R 24 Fine and clear - snow signs - assisted in winnowing  
29 $\frac{1}{2}$  bbls rye - went to mill - got broken sleigh shoe  
drilled at Capt Hills - heard him tell particulars of the Conklin deed to  
Mr Vail who appeared in the purchase of the place which was about taking







Frost's effect by his son-in-law Ballard of Dorset. At Frost's had sleigh shoe  
Wallace's spoiled - I mean only a part of one - bo't at Wallace's 1 lb tea - 75" -  
and a blue pitcher - 37½2 - rec'd tow'd Troy load. They had another Acad-  
Waters emy (visit) meeting. H. Waters, L. Sherwood, & M. Wickwire p'd us a visit.  
Sheerwood Saw Parsons with his mother starting from Pickett's for home. Rogers cus  
Rogers tomers abused him about wood - was out & had to borrow. Horace Dimmick  
Dimmick removed family & effects to his father's in Pownal.

Dec 1821 TUESDAY, DEC'R 25 Pretty smart freezing weather - some cldy. Took sleig  
172 to Frost's - got another pitcher at Wallace's - bo't  
at F. Blackmer's ¼ lin. camb. and cot. floss - together 70" p'd, but for-  
Frost got to take them away - bo't logwood at Pickett's - p'd 15" and 1 yd Camb.  
Goods bo't 42" charged. Late P.M. went down and talked with friend Luman a good  
L. Norton while - then went on to see the Jewett bridge on the Fuller road - found  
Highway it impassable - partly agreed with L. Jewett to fix it - wanted to see J.  
Fuller rd N. Junr but he had not returned from drawing wood - I came home ab't dark.  
bridge. Debar had cutter & mare to go to a party beyond Algiers. Jonathan enter-  
H. Debar tained his father & mother Godfrey this P.M. keep'g Christmas. Father af-  
Rogers ter cleaning up all our flax seed, over 3 bbls, talked with Mr G.  
Christmas

WEDNESDAY, DEC'R 26 Very cold - wind strong from N.W. flying clds. Assist  
ed at threshing oats till noon and then visited town  
with mother who did business at Patchins', Pickett's & Mrs L. Dewey's - also  
on her return had a black earthen tea-pot handle broken off. On my part  
Fassett sold to Fassett 27½ lbs butter and rec'd \$4.50 in full - Saw & reckoned  
Col with Col Merrill who owed us \$26.33 - arranged affairs so as to have him  
Merrill pay all our taxes for stzte, town & priest, which appeared highly to pleas  
Gen Robin him - the business was transacted in his kitchen - a girl being present  
sons note whom I did not know - and no other - next went to Gen Robinson's and paid  
money \$4.50 which he endorsed on a note givin for fanning mill - 1816 -  
Oct - found on enquiry that he had omitted endorsing \$3.50 paid in making  
14 bbls cider in 1818 - I could not there recollect exactly the sum but  
said it was about \$3. which he minuted down on the back of the note. See  
Highway Alphab't. This m'g wrote to John Norton jun to take charge of

Dec 1821 the Jewett bridge on the Fuller road and make regular return of the ex-  
173 pence that should be incurred therein - expected Jewett to assist him.  
Mr Marsh's horse took fright and ran away with his cutter, which he badly  
J. Norton handled - nothing else of consequence ensued. Capt J. Staunton from Al-  
Jr giers came after straw - father gave him a small load - our blacksmith's  
Mr Marsh all appeared to be in want of this article. Gen Robinson informed me that  
Staunton he was 67 years of age. G. Caldwell lay sick in the same room in which we  
Genl R. did our business. Judge Stephen came & invited his parents to go with him  
G. Caldwell & his lady on a party to Esq'r Hubbell's if I rightly understood the ques-  
Step Rob. tion, but they could not go - the gen. complained of bad health, a late  
complaint with him.

THURSDAY, DEC'R 27 Cloudy, cold & some stormy from S. We threshed oats.  
Eve'g with Jona in the cutter visited gen Robinson's -  
talked with G. Caldwell who informed me that he was ab't 27 - thought him-  
self nearly an old bachelor - expressed his ideas of matrimony vert sen-







timentally. At Pickett's paid \$2. borrowed money and bo't on Cr 2 lbs sugar at 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ " - At Fassett's enquired if he had heard from Mr Tuccuman respecting cheese - said he had'nt - saw many persons in the bar-room - G. House & Z. Pierce were among rhem - they called at Hendryx's & so did I on account of obtaining the favor of having my sleigh fastened to his in order to bring it home from the blacksmith's - but it was not mended in full - so G. went on & I staid till it was finished by Fisher assisted by the lad Marvin - Jona staid awhile & then went home without waiting for me. Mumford Frost, E. Waters & others were gone to take Mumford Eldred with a Bail-piece in favor of E. & R. Carpenter - he was sued to be at his brother Stephen's in Hoosick. Read Historical View of the Turks, at home, in Bigland.

Dec 1821 174 FRIDAY, DEC'R 28 Thawy & cloudy from the S. Completed threshing oats - were visited P.M. by Mr Brown - his ladies were here on a visit - tarried in the eve'g. L. Sherwood & H. Waters danced here - I played, but it was very poorly indeed. Mr B. here a pt of the eve'g

SATURDAY, DEC'r 29 Severely cold - wind N.W. till night when it changed to S.W. Winnowed oats assisted by Henry till near noon - then he went to school - father measured them and found that in threshing 650 shieves there were 58 busjels - we reckon the whole amount for the present year to be 103 bhls. Late in the day in the sleigh, sleighing bad went to Mr Babbett's and bro't away a piece of woolen cloth lately woven there - another piece yet remained to be done. Mr B. had been, & still was, unwell, or it would have been finished ere now. Left a pr of morroccomshoes for their youngest girl & posted back to the court house - talked with an old revolutionary man, stranger to me, Capt Hicks & S. Fay concerning our constitution, which they tho't it inexpedient to alter. Cousin Uel was present - Went to Fassett's - staid awhile there & at H. Robinson's store - sold to F. 12 lbs butter at 1/0, which he p'd me for before looking at it - said he gave me too much - not considering it worth over 0/9. I offered to pay back the difference, but he did not exact it of me. Bigland Came home & spent the eve'g reading Bigland in various parts - of Switzerland, Austrian Empire, America &c - by a good fire which hardly kept me warm. Parsons rode home with me.

SUNDAY, DEC'R 30 Very cold, wind S., snowed at night. Father marched to Church - I was employed at the usual task. Mr Br'n visited us a short time - talked with me about joining together to take one of the large N.Y. City papers - was not very sanguine but did not oppose. Wrote till past 7 in the eve'g.

Jan 1822 175 MONDAY, DEC'R 31 A new, light, thin snow lay upon the surface - sleighing not benefitted much - air mild - or not very keen - wd N. Made it our chief business to collect strays from our flock - 3 from Capt N's (where they were setting the stone-kiln - rec'd a load of corn from Col Brownell who came with it himself) - and two more from Mr Brown's. Henry, with good horse & cutter, which he hired for the purpose, attended Jeremiah Granger's wedding - married to Sally, daughter of Mr Nath'l Ripley E. pt of Bennington - over against Wood's. Rogers & Catherine, this evening, went to uncle George's. J. Norton Jun informed me that himself & others had repaired the bridge mentioned p. 173 but could not then give me the am't of expense in figures. Henry returned late from wedding accompanied by N. Ripley Jun







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**TUESDAY, JANUARY 1 1822** Chilly strong S. wind - snowed and rained at night. Corn was threshed, of which 8 bbls was carried to mill at E. Dewey's - ground & bro't home at night.

**Corn** During the time this was grinding - endeavored to get horse shoeing done at Norton's without success - nobody in either shop - the Algerines were down together near Capt Hills on the corner W. of the big maple at a shooting match. Judge Fay was present. Rode up to Colvin's on business with Mr Olin - he was gone from home - Mr C. invited me into his new house to view & see how I liked it - to him I assented to the whole as very good - but thought inwardly that the rooms were too small. At uncle Mr Gabey's rec'd of him towards cider & brandy, \$1. - dined with him - paid J. Rich- him a pretty good vis. J. Richmond came in to be shaved just as I came mond away. From the flat, Morg. Sher'd & Ed Swift rode to the Dr's with me. Eve'g read history of ancient times.

**Jan 1822 176** Mr Richmond at Gabey's said that for several years he had not attended an election - thought the President ought to stand during good behaviour - and no other officer in the Union or in the several States for a longer time than one year. He related an anecdote of W. Barney in the year 1812 about his quitting Canada &c.

**WEDNESDAY, JAN'Y 2** Windy from N.W., flying clds, tolerably cold. Had Frost horses shod in part - 1 at Frost's the other at J. Jo Norton Norton's. Bro't gr'st of 3 bbls wh't from cousin Eldad's where we had not carried one for a long while. At Church's office found C. Hicks doing business with S.H. Blackmer - A. Selden Esq & Ch. present - enquired Taxes what was the am't of taxes the present year - Hicks gave me the answer on paper, thus: State \$4.88 - Town \$3.05 - School \$2.44 - in all \$10.37 Eve'g prepared for going to Troy. Rec'd a visit from neighbor Spencer & his brother-in-law. Father was now threshing the last of his rye.

**Gen. Rob.** Gen Robinson & his son Heman rode past here in a cutter from visit J. Woods.

**THURSDAY, JAN'Y 3** Wind keen from S.W. - cloudy, seemed likely to thaw - Expedition Early in the eve'g wind hauled about to N.W. - a flurry of snow ensued - began to be very cold. J. Rog & I mounted wag for Troy to Troy late in the morning - met Job Burt at the little bridge beyond the white house - he informed that it was good doings. At Wads's baited past 12 - but little company - uncle Jo present & sociable - his youngest daughter aged 3 years, named Lydia, was hopping about as lively as a cricket. Esq Potter came in - said he was in his 79th yr. Arrived in Troy by ab't 4 P.M. - went to D. Merritt & Sons & took in a load of plas'r that weighed nearly 12½ cwt for which p'd \$4.98 - stabled horses & refreshed at Stearn and then walked down St to see Mr Gary, who was not within - Jon went his way & I mine. At Parker's viewed maps & books a good while - bo't Southwick's Almanack - left there and returned to G's where I found my old friend who in his adventure had bo't him a lamp highly recommended. At Garey's we

**Jan 1822 177** bo't on 4 months credit - leather, including 2 grt skins to the am't of \$19.62 Visited a stove shop and saw many curious articles in their line.







Shouldered our stuff and marched back to our landlord's. J. went to bed & I returned to the parlour and played a few pieces on an old disordered flute - this being gone through with, snugly placed myself along side Jon. This house was tolerably supplied with company - among others there were two sloop capt's, one of whom was a thickset shortish made person neatly tho' not gaily attired - informed me considerably respecting Virginia - about their digging a canal at Richmond which he did not think they would ever complete - said the place was overdone &c A smart looking farmer, perhaps aged 60, from Claverac staid there.

FRIDAY, JAN'Y 4 Clear and very cold, particularly at night - the road towards Troy afforded little or no sleighing - frozen solid as adamant - horses, badly shod, had straining work to draw loads up the hills - this happened to be the lot of our young Nancy - but she made the best of it possible - Jenny was more fortunate till within 10 miles of home when a forward shoe was lost off, this however did not discourage her - she kept up excellent spirits all the way notwithstanding her youth, being but three years old last spring. We left T. at nearly 9 A.M. & arrived at Wadsworth's 1 P.M. - met more sleighs than waggons - we tho't ourselves best off in the latter vehicle. At W's baited an hour & greased the wag. Uncle J. was absent at the meeting house to attend a court respecting the affair between Stephen Eldred & the Carpenters - the former having rescued his brother Mumford a prisoner to the latter in virtue of a bail piece - they were bound for him in the sum of Several gentlemen were going to hear the cause - among the rest were Judge Wright, L. Stanuton, and another man from Pow'l & Foster of Hoosick. Past 2 P.M. commenced travelling again - On the hill

Jan 1822 beyond Mamma Shaw's the waggon took a dangerous slide which, tho' it produced no mischief, started me prodigiously. To keep ourselves warm took turns about driving taking opportunity often to run on foot. We were both on board when, fortunately, Jona. happened to discover the high fore wheel time enough to prevent its running clear off - at that instant a good hearted youngster was riding past on horseback who alighted & generously assisted in putting it on again for which we returned him sincere thanks - this happened at a little brook a few rods W. of Harp Rogers' - there we first ascertained the loss of the horseshow above mentioned - began to feel discouraged about getting up the great Armstrong hill - when arrived there, Mr Wadsworth Jun put his oxen before our horses and we moved up without difficulty - he would receive no other compensation than "I thank you". Reached here by about 6 in the eve'g all sound - horses white with frost. E. Waters & lady & E. Montague E Montaguep'd us a visit this eve'g.

Cold SATURDAY, JAN'Y 5 So cold that the thermometer kept at Dr Swift's, sunk 18 deg below zero this morning - held very cold through the day - Father & I thrashed 200 shieves rye - did not finish quite. Lem Sher'd pulled teeth for Dama. Brown visited us in the m'g. Dimmick came over and got the fanning mill to fan oats for B.

SUNDAY, JAN'Y 6 Hazy - frost frost showered from the clouds - much less cold than on the 5th tho' by no means warm. F. Johnson visited us & paid me towards board \$8.00 in bills - he and Lem favored us with their company this eve'g. Parsons was here and saw







Mrs Judge my new almanck. I regulated books for J. Rog. Father attended service Fay. as usual. Mrs Polly Fay, Judge F's lady, Miss Hubbard & Miss Esther Est StreetStreet were added to the church in Bennington,

Jan 1822 MONDAY, JAN'Y 7 Fine day - milder than it had been - trees on the  
179 E. mountains covered with white frost. We emptied  
our load of plaster - winnowed & measured 37 bbls (oats) which was first  
Ab Brown rate quality. This eve'g Abram Brown received from us ninety dollars,  
Money sent of which 76 we had of Dr Swift - 14 of the Musteads, to be delivered by  
P. Brown him to his uncle Park Brown, Southbury, C't on our acc't. Mr B. calcu-  
lated to start for Horse Neck, Greenwich, C't on the morro - Took his re  
ceipt for the said money - borrowed our sleigh bells to go with - we  
wished him a good journey, as he withdrew.

Frost TUESDAY, JAN'Y 8 Snow more or less all day from S.E. - Had two horse  
shoes set at Frost's - David Colvin of Shaftsbury  
had oxen to be shod there - At Pickett's ascertained that we owed him on  
book acc't \$20.47" - Note 1819 - \$22.97 - in all \$43.44. Eve'g prepared  
for going to Troy. Mr Br'n wife & Chaity Knapp started for Connecticut

Expedition WEDNESDAY, JAN'Y 9 By noon the wind began to play fresh from the W. and  
to Troy continued blowing smartly from that quarter through  
the day - chilly all day & very cold at night - Drove to Troy without  
stopping - sold 5 bbls rye to James Merritt - weighed 4 bbls 53 lbs -  
rec'd pay \$2.75 - bo't at the same place 2 gs mol's for 87½". Bo't of  
D. Merritt & Son 12 cwt plaster for which paid \$4.80 - Staid at Stearns'  
where there was plenty of company - 3 pretty coarse characters from Ball  
ston, one whom they called uncles Js's - rather over the bay - with his  
comrades had visited an oyster house of which they complained for giving  
them mean broth - said they would as lief lie down & drink the river wa-  
ter with an oyster shell thrown in above as to drink such broth - Uncle  
Joe was I should say between 40 & 50 - had a grum voice - the others  
were not over 25, in my estimation - they had much sport to themselves  
after going to bed. I had business at the S. psrt of  
Frost Carried to Frost this morning 115 lbs beef

Jan 1822 of the town - visited Parker's book store and there saw Professor Dewey  
180 of Williams College, but he did not recognize me nor did I make myself  
known to him - waited so long to see if he would find me out that I  
Prof'r tho't best to remain concealed, but it was not through any bad feeling  
Dewey towards him or any bad intention that I did so.

Capt'n THURSDAY, JAN'Y 10 Extremely cold indeed, flying clds - Came from T.  
De Goff late or not early in the morning, pretty good sl'g,  
but the frost & drifted snow in some places made sleighs run hard - ar-  
rived here past sun-set - unloaded before 9 o'clock. I omitted mention-  
ing in the right place that the little pot bellied capt that J. Rog. & I  
saw at Stearns', a boarder there, was married to a young lady in Lan-  
singburg on Wed. eve'g - his name was DeGoff. Saw at Wads'ths 2 ill bre  
bred men of Pow'l - Virgil Page & Albro.







Troy FRIDAY, JAN'Y 11 Wind chilly & cutting from S. cloudy - Drove again to Troy - Sold to Whipple, upp'r end 5 bhls rye, heaped measure - which by their mode of weighing am'td to but 4 bhls 48 lbs. I let them know that I understood their plan and told them that they would get no more of my rye - rec'd pay \$2.78 - when my honest due would have been \$2.90" Rye was selling from 56 to 58 & in some instances to 59. Bo't of D.M. & Son 13 wt plast & 9 lbs sug & paid them for the whole \$6.20 - Came away just after sun-set - reached Wheeler's & put up. Lib Barney & wf called but did not tarry - drove to Wadsworths At W's found 2 Dutchmen who were very musical talking with W. Fosburgh about selling wood &c. There were also from Pownal, Fosburgh, Z.Hovey, Z.Hovey & Wiestenhouse and Miller of Colrairie - the 1st 69 - 2d 58 - 3d 41 - Wiest'se 4th 30 yrs of age. W. was my bed-fellow. Miller

JAN'Y 1822 181 SATURDAY, JAN'Y 12 Some windy, with flurries of snow, but very cold. Deceived by the light of the moon, it being cloudy, arose several hours to soon - they had no time piece - kindled up a fire - everybody almost was soon up throughout the house - We impatiently waited a long time for daylight - during this period Mr Hovey talked with me much on several subjects - such as the aborigines of this country - Negroes of Africa, manners & customs of some nations & immortality of the soul &c. found him to be a man of pretty easy address & no inconsiderable acquirements. By sunrise was under motion - arrived before noon at W's and her saw the sheds full of sleighs - the barroom full of company - among them were Capt S.Squires of Benn. & M.V.D.Cook of Pittstown - the latter had plast. to sell at his mills, 1 mile N. of P. Meetinghouse at \$9. - would rec. rye in paym't at Troy price. J.Barney Before I left there John Barney drove up, on his way to T., in fine style - gay horses, bells & sleigh. Left W's ab't 1 & arriv'd here Dimmick by ab't 4 P.M. On Friday Dimmick & his brother, Austen, butchered the Beef white cow aged from 14 to 16 years - high boned but pretty decent beef - Weighed thus - Q'rs 455, hide 72, tall 75, in all 602 lbs. J.Rog. had company - Mrs W. & Mrs B'y

Dimmick SUNDAY, JAN'Y 13 Cold & cloudy - Wrote as usual - Dimmick paid us a visit - had the comm'd at Browns.

Upham 8th of January Omitted several circumstances - L.Upham being at Frost's getting horse shod - saw New Gazetteer at H.Waters Clark's. Hiram Waters helped us get in 20 bhls rye from barn to house. Evening rec'd company - Saf'd Robinson, Lucy, Nathum, Polly & Emily & E. Company Mont. they shewed us a good letter from uncle Asa.

Jan 1822 182 MONDAY, JAN'Y 14 Thermometer 25 degs below zero - less severe at noon - but held very cold all day - fair pt of the time, cldy at night. 11 A.M. thawed out & unloaded plaster - went in sleigh with J.Rog. to mill fror Brown - took wood sleigh to Olins to be mended - turned about & called at the Safford Store - Dr Heman was there - had dressed a sore for Enos Knapp - shewed me Peters' tax for the present year - B.H. \$9.99 - H.H. \$00.82" - the last I felt not disposed to







Minister pay - being equip't for military duty . He felt of me with respect to  
tax drawing the minister a load of wood - answered that it would be prefera-  
ble on our part to pay the cash as we had it not to spare and besides  
there were many who were not taxed so heavily, that might supply that ar-  
ticle. Saw here besides the above Esq Duncan, Esq Thayer - Bill Pratt  
& a youngish or mid. aged man of Woodford whom I did not know.

We called next at father Godfrey's. Mrs W. & her children & Hannah  
V.D. Grimes were there. Next place Jona. went to Grovers' & I waited at  
Speigle Hills for him - here saw V.D. Speigle, who had his son Henry with him -  
the latter having a paper of raisins in his hand, his aubt Delia, Turn-  
ers wife, to try his generosity, asked him for some, but he refused -  
handed them to his pa for safe keeping. Jona ret'd accomp'd by Grover  
Corey who rode with Speigle to the meeting house - we followed & went to the  
printing office - there J. got him an almanack & we came home - Mr Corey  
came to board with us in the character of a School Master. V.D. Sp'e  
was at H's, I conclude, to see about a new cutter that he was having  
finished in style - painted deep blue with top covered with cloth.

TUESDAY, JAN'Y 15 Thawed slightly - thermometer only a few degs below  
Wood freezibg p't. Father & Rogers drew some wood with  
Mrs the bulls - but said it was hard work, they behaved so unruly. Rode with  
Crowfoot mother to visit Mrs Crowfoot near Trenors - on the way found Judge F.  
Judge Fay sitting in his cutter, wrapped in buffaloe superintending his men draw-  
ing out wood, he spoke

Jan 1822 with us after his manner which is peculiarly droll principally to inform  
183 us how the inhabitants about there carried off his wood. When arrived  
in T's neighborhood on enquiry at A.J. Haswell's found that Mrs C. had  
removed this way more than a mile. Went to see Trenor about buying tea-  
kettle - made no bargain - Saw Bartram's Travels in Georgia, Carolinas  
&c - Returned to the house once occupied by S. Hawze - lately by A. Taft,  
and now by Mrs Crawford where mother staid to do her errand while I went  
G. Olin to Olin's and waited till he had completed repairing the old woodsleigh  
- put in 2 new beams - 4 do knees & 1 new rave & charged \$2.00 to be p'd  
by J. Rogers - some blacksmithing at Frost's rendered it nearly as good  
as a new one. We had a word to say at uncle G's - took in John Dewey -  
grist at Eldad's - left J. at his father's - grist at Brown's & came  
home. Finished reading View of Egyptian History in Bigland.

WEDNESDAY, JAN'Y 16 Pretty cold - wind N.W. - eve S.W. Father & mother  
being in sleigh with me intending to visit at uncle  
Levi Sam's met Mr Levi Smedley with his brother Elisha, wife, son & neice,  
Smedley this side Dr Swift's - turned back and followed them home, left them vis-  
iting together and visited town doing errands - had pad to the cutter  
harness fixed at Hicks' - played the flute at Clark's - Informed Col  
O C Mer'l Merrill of the am't of tses exclusive of my own, which altogether made  
the sum of \$20.36. Bro't home Hi Waters who had a bad sore on his left  
S Waters arm. Sophia Waters came to pay us a visit - she was in good health &  
flesh.

THURSDAY, JAN'Y 17 Severely cold in the morning - Rode with Mont, Rog &  
H. Waters to town - thence, after they landed, to Bab-  
bitt's - had not done the weaving - meant to do in the course of 2 weeks  
Returned to Frank's store. Saw there H.H. Robinson, Greenwood & John







Morse Sen'r - Went to Clark's & there saw Harmon's Journal in the service of the N.W.Comp'y. At home drew 2 lds wood & wrote letter to H.A. Fay, ab't pay'g him visit, ministers &c.

Jan 1822 FRIDAY, JAN'Y 18 Mild & thawy. Drew wood from the trees which grew  
184 in the dry brook hollow this side the young orchard  
against the field. Lydia, Sophia & Dama visited at Waters8 - were bro't  
Visit from there, S.W., excepted late at eve. I was visited twice by Wm the  
brother of Lawrence ~~Rice~~ Leach to get an order for crediting their acc't  
Visit at of \$14. \$5. against my father on the book of S. & Pickett. At the time  
E.Waters' I rec'd the acc't of Lem, p.87, did not know of its being kept in co.  
with his brother's, and so when I offered to pay, p.148, the am't at S. &  
Leach's P's it was put to his credit alone - which left his brother in a bad  
acc't place - the first order I drew to that effect was not worded right - the  
next answered. Took L. & W. Leach's receipt for the debt & besides bal-  
ances the book

SATURDAY, JAN'Y 19 Cläudy & thawy - wind N.W. Went to mill - in part  
Kent for Mr Kent who had of us 3 bhls rye - was shaved at  
Gabey Gabey's - A.J.Haswell was there & read a letter from Ben. Rice & his  
wife of Enosburgh - good & religious.  
B.Squires' Left cow-hide at B. Squire's - he was drawing wood - could not rec-  
ollect the weight, and so left it for another day.  
On the hill at Clark's played the flute - bo't 1/2 quire broken pa-  
per for 6".  
Pickett At Pickett's bo't boiled oil 1 pt & tobacco pipe & pd 20".  
L.Norton To Norton's still P.M. carried a bbl nearly filled with cider for J.  
Rogers - bro't home a jug & 1 gal highwines which they charged to him.  
Luman rode away in a sleigh at night.  
J. Doty John Doty came to visit us this night.

SUNDAY, JAN'Y 20 Our thaw continued - sleighing having been thin, a  
very slight thaw ruined it.  
Father was ill and could not attend meeting.  
I pursued my usual avocation.  
S.Waters S. Waters came to visit us.  
Mrs C.Barney On the inst Mrs C. Barney arrived from Meadville, Pa.







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B. Harwood's property in  
live stock estimated at  
Spring prices, Jan'y 7  
1822

Cattle	
2 Bullocks.....	\$25.00
13 Cows at \$15..195....	195.00
7 Young cattle .....	70.00
3 Calves .....	15.00
<u>25</u>	<u>\$ 305.00</u>
25 Sheep .....	50.00
	<u>\$ 355.00</u>
Horses.	
2 mares, Jenny & yg Na'y	110.00
3 colts, \$30 & \$20	50.00
<u>5</u>	<u>\$ 160.00</u>
Add Cattle & Sheep ...	355.00
	<u>\$ 515.00</u>
Debts due B.H.est'd at	112.68
	<u>\$ 627.68</u>
Deduct his Debts ....	312.44
	<u>\$ 315.24</u>

Statement of stock &  
debts Jan'y 31, 1823:

2 Oxen.....	40.00
14 Cows at \$15 fat one \$30	
	225.00
1 3 yr old heifer .....	15.00
2 yearlings do .....	18.00
5 hd - 1 poor yearling	
& 5 calves .....	25.00
<u>24</u>	<u>\$ 323.00</u>
24 sheep at \$2 .....	48.00
2 good mares .....	100.00
2 colts - 2 & 3 yrs old	
in spring, .....	70.00
	<u>\$ 541.00</u>

Debts due :

O C Merrill .....	21.54
Mont .....	14.14
D Clark .....	12.25
F. Johnson .....	9.43
Reub Gulliver....	1.75
A. Brown .....	3.68
	<u>\$ 603.79</u>
Deduct Debts 253.94 ..	<u>\$ 253.94</u>
	<u>\$ 349.65</u>

Debts of B. Harwood  
(This is an uncertain article)

Dr N. Swift, estm'd.....	\$80.
Brown Estate .....	94.
David Robinson...F.M.....	25.
Land .....	8.
Soph Waters, Note .....	11.50
S. Pickett, Merch't .....	44.
Jos Garey, Troy .....	8.
Taxes: State, Town & Pets.....	20.37
Frost, blacksmith .....	3.57
Other Mechanics Est'd .....	18.
	<u>\$ 312.44</u>

Debts of B. Harwood.

Dr Swift - Br'n note - int ..	110.43
do Settl'mt March 1822..	67.36
do Medical (Mar) 1823....	15.33
do Lumber, 1818 .....	4.57
Swift & Pickett note .....	19.64
S. Waters..... do .....	11.23
W. Haswell, acct Est'd.....	3.00
Taxes (all sorts) (p. 341)....	18.00
Education Society .....	3.00
J. Frost ...Acc't.....	1.38
	<u>\$ 253.94</u>

See pp 510, 594, 675







Jan 1822 MONDAY, JAN'Y 21 Thawy, cloudy, sleighing spoiled. Confined hogs in  
186 the pen. Wood was chopped in the S.W. pasture which  
grew by the E. fence. Late P.M. went to Algiers with wag. & horses.  
B.Squires Settled with B.Squire respecting the cow hide, of which there was 72 lbs  
at 6" - came to \$4.32, from which deduct \$2.12 acc't, left due me \$2.20  
Gabey pd \$1. down. Carried to Mr Gsbey 4 qts brandy on Cr at 50" - Left pair  
Judah Morroc. shoes at David Love's - At the mill saw our cousin Judah Harwood  
Harwood who enquired particularly into the history of the old cow which we had  
of him in Sept - he was pleased to hear that she did so well - See pp  
J.Doty 133-81 Bro't home grist for Kent. Made out a true acc't against John  
S.Waters Doty 2d of \$4.75 - his months work Or \$6.00 Lydia with our friend S.  
L.Harwood Waters went to Arlington this morning in E.Waters' 1 horse wag.  
Andrew Debar coachman.

TUESDAY, JAN'Y 22 Calm, cldy, thawy, rainy at night - Wood was chopped  
H.Debar at the door. It was now the 4th day since Henry had  
birthday been preparing to celebrate his birthday - being according to his acc't  
in his 21st yr - He wanted to hire our young Nancy & wag. but on account  
of many objections well founded, we refused doing so, therefore he ac-  
complished business without them - bo't of us 6 qts of brandy & held his  
ball at Sibley's, where Widow Webb used to live, on Thayer road.  
Loomis Had business at Loomis' to obtain in the big wag. the loan of some  
Mrs Bar- property which shall not be named. On my return saw Mrs Barney with all  
ney. her sisters except Lucretia - Didn't see Luman - visited the shop with  
Corey, Henry & Parsons' boys - marked another gall because Aust Dimmick  
Jug had broken my 3 qt one. Corey & P's boys rode home with me.

WEDNESDAY, JAN'Y 23 About the time of the change of the moon the weather  
Cold very suddenly changed and grew cold most rapidly,  
being

Jan 1822 this day one of the coldest known in our country - wind & sleet constant  
187 ly flying from N.W. from morn till night. With father visited town,  
were measured for several garments at I.J.Hendryx's - while there his  
I J Hendryx father came in - Next went to Pickett's & bo't articles including litt  
Goods at more than 5 yds cot cloth, for shirting, amt'g to \$3.62 Paid a balance  
Picketts of 32" to Patchin toward bombas'e . At D.Clark's bo't 2 litt books for  
Adaline - pd 12½" - Calrkm & his father were engaged in looking over  
D.Clark acc'ts & other affairs - Sol. at his trade - Doolittle & M.L.Selden at  
Adaline the press working off the conclusion of "Popery Unveiled". Came home &  
after affairs were regulated at the barn, to please Adaline, perused her  
litt books for her.

THURSDAY, JAN'Y 24 Most dreadfully tedious, wind very high and strong  
from N.W. We looked to the creatures & read books.  
Father visited at Brown's - Horace was there - but soon went away leav-  
ing his younger brother & son in his stead - It was deemed the most dis-  
Cold tressing weather that had been seen the pres't season.

FRIDAY, JAN'y 25 Very biting morning - but grew mild fast P.M. - fair  
Not much done. Was home with that property mention-  
ed on the 22d - Called on Capt N. who with John was mending a wood horse  
sled - visited & talked a good while with Luman at the shop on various







subjects - Religion - Priests, gov't, taxes &c. Evening performed some writing & perused Columbus Discovery of America - 1492.

SATURDAY, JAN'Y 26 Moderate - wind S.W. Cloudy. Most of the day was spent chopping in thw oods. Eve'g perused Bigland respecting the U,States - in most instances or in many very incorrect. L. Sherwood & F. Johnson came to visit us this night.

Jan 1822 1822 SUNDAY, JAN'Y 27 Wind fresh from the S. Snow flew hard but it made no sleighing - ground rough. Performed the usual course of writing. Perused deatched parts of Bigland on gistory & geog-raphy. Our friends L. Sherwood & Freeb Johnson paid us a visit & we were happy to receive it. Morgan came in the eve'g to borrow Mrs Parsons' "Sarah" - Edw'd Swift was with him.

MONDAY, JAN'Y 28 Mild & hazy - we may say yellow haze. We were chopp- ing in the E. part of the 'Sugar Place' when they Wood Elisha Smedley blew the horn for us to come down between 2 & 3 P.M. because Mr Elisha Smedley with his wife, his son Charles aged 11 and neice Almira Isabel. Their stay was short on account of bad sleighing - hastened away after supper so as to reach our cousins N. of the court house. Some good con- versation while they were here took place - I wished they could have tar- ried all night. Jonathan first found out Wallace's queer way of leaving town after having sold all his visible property & delivered his books & notes into other men's hands who lodged them with Merritt & Robinson for settlement & collection. Henry went to the academy to school, had a quarrel or misunderstanding with Corey.

TUESDAY, JAN'Y 29 Moderate - thawed slightly - In the woods chopping with my good father. Lydia arrived from Arlington - & assisted ab't dipping ab't 30 doz candles. Eve'g busy reading Bigland on India &c. Debar was out wretchedly late.

WEDNESDAY, JAN'y 30 Snowed, hailed, rained in various parts of the day - mild. Little done in woods. In town had yg Jenny Frost shed at Frost's - had on another broken shoe, occasioned its being done. Pickett Bo't half yd cot cloth 14" of Pickett on book. Saw Erastus full of bus- iness at Fassett's. Visited U.M. Robinson - looked at his map.

Jan 1822 189 of France - told him not to make coat for Rogers on Wallace's affair. Did an errand at F. Blackmer's & borrowed his brother's flute. Studied G. India history some this night. Saw uncle G. Randall at U.M's who said he had got to back a bhl of corn to Woodford 5 miles.

THURSDAY, JAN'Y 31 Snowed slowly nearly the whole day from E. Drawing my 3d load of wood the neck yoke broke, one of long standing, having been in use ab't 22 years - formerly the propperly of Jonas Harwood. Took another of the same stamp, not so much worn, but senior to it by about 8 years, to Frost's, but he could not attend to it soon enough because he was shoeing cousin Hen Harwood's oxen - continued my walk to Col Norton's and there had done what I wanted, which was of but



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Col Norton little value. Geo Nort. & the Col's 2d son were working at the trade -  
 D. Love D. Love superintended - leather apron on - blew & struck occasionally.  
 G.N. fixed a round notched copper plate into a crotched iron so as to roll like book-binders tools of a like nature, for Truman Hendryx, taylor,  
 John Doty lor, John Doty came there and said he had just arrived from visiting  
 J. Hicks his uncle of Wardsborough, Vt - left all well - He went with me to Hicks  
 where I had straps transferred from one yoke to the other - next we visited Merrill & Rob's where Wallace's late transactions engrossed the  
 Wallace's affair chief attention - Several persons concerned called to know about their acc'ts - among whom were Stephen Hinsdill & D. Ruttenb'r - D. Hulton came there and said the Shaftsbury people, those to whom Wallace was indebted and that to no small am't, were resolved at all hazards to attach the store & goods lately occupied by him. Merrill assured him there was no fraud in the bargain between Wall. & Thayer - and if they persisted in their resolution it would be sore business to them - Well, H. said they would certainly come at about midnight.

Feb 1822 At Clark's just as I was preparing to play a tune on the flute Mr Babbett  
 190 came in to have me go to Pick's to see his wife - so John & I cleared for that place. They had been to our house to carry home cloth she had woven lately, & to settle, but that they couldn't do without me - said their acc't was ab't \$11 - Sally pd them \$3. - they now wanted cash, or an order from me to buy a piece S. plaid for M.B. a cloak, but Mr P. informed them that it was the property of M. Street which she had lately purchased for herself, but not wanting it left it with him to sell - the cash must be paid down unless a bargain could be made with her. I didn't like to do anything respecting it till we had settled - therefore everything was drop't just as it was until next Monday when Mr B. & I should fix business & now friend J. D. & I came home together.

On the road & at home I grumbled liudly because my feelings had been injured - touch our interest and you touch hard - much was said, but no matter now.

John Doty Settled with J. Doty to whom we owed \$1.25 - gave him an order on  
 accts Pickett for the same - balanced the acc't which was \$6.

Dry FRIDAY, FEB'Y 1st Cloudy - growing cold - wind N. Eight lds of wood  
 wood were drawn. Had between 7 & 8 cords dry wood left.  
 B. Squire B. Squire & lady made a short tarry here & bo't at 0/6 per lb 25 $\frac{3}{4}$  lbs  
 & lady cheese - they wanted butter, but there was none for them. Mr House drew  
 Mr House (3) 5 lds wood for J. Rogers.

Wood SATURDAY, FEB'Y 2d Pleas't & a pt of the day warm - Eight loads more  
 were added to the woodpile. Nelson Duncan came down  
 G. House & bro't news that his father had the quinzey pretty bad. G. House drew 5  
 G Rogers lds of wood for J. Rog. Perused history of India - Aueenzebe, the  
 greatest of the Emp's the Mogul Emp's - died 1707 - aged 89

Feb 1822 SUNDAY, FEB'Y 3d Pleas't - wind chilly from S. On Friday late P.M.  
 191 friend Brown arrived from Connacticut - had a good visit - Read Debate in Congress on partial military appropriations for 1822 which was curious on account of the different views taken in the exercise of it. The dry wood on hand consisted of a double pile on the N. & E. side of the square described p. 67 - 100, q single one across







the W. half as much more on the S. side. As to hay more than 1/4 of the E. mow remained - some hay on the E. scaffold - none on that opposite, but the W. mow was very large & entire & a pretty supply of straw.

Snow MONDAY, FEB'Y 4th Snowed fine & tolerably rapid for our country till past 12 - about 3 P.M. storm all over - Ev'g wind high N.W. - We drew 3 loads of wood & attended town meeting to chose a Delegate to State Convention. Mr Merrill was without struggle chosen - Dr Swift was the candidate in opposition. Settled the acc't me tioned on the page opposite - it amt'd to \$11.87 for weaving principally though \$1.25 of it was spinning - Our Mrs Bab-bett's acc't. account including money paid as stated p.190 amt'd to \$6.85, leaving due Mrs B. \$5.02 which I paid to her husband at Mr Pickett's store where the settlem't was made. Borrowed at Clark's the Richmond Enquirer & then Capt Nort. & Sons father & I travelled toward this spot. Rode a p't of the way in the Norton's sleigh in which were Capt N., Luman & John, Mr House, Mr Dickenson besides H. Debar & Dan Hand hanging on behind - L. Sherwood called here this eve'g. Our flock was at this time increasing pretty fast - lambs mostly lived & did well.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5 Very piercing wind from S. signs of storm, clear night Drew no wood because the sleigh had need of repairs. Frost Conveyed Mother to Waters' - sleigh to Frost's - 10 lbs lard to I.J. Hendryx S. Robinson dryx's - visited uncle Sam R's - all well there - himself drawing wood for Erastus - called at Maj Haynes' - the Maj. not at the house - drove to the paper mill - there found them

Feb 1822 busy at finishing paper for printing the N.Y. State Journals on - Mr Rut-  
192 tenbur, Mr Baker, C. Walbridge & a shoe-maker were present - Talked some with them to see how they would trade for cid. brandy but their proposals were too low - \$4. the ream for pap. - brandy at 50". Walbridge invited Paper mill me to dinner - made his wife acquainted with me - Mrs Haynes, her sister, wife of the Maj. was there, complaining of a violent affection of the head. W. mentioned our consanguinity, our mother's being first cousins - C. Wal-bridge. their father's being the one Jedediah & the Abner Dewey - natives of West field, Ms - the former first Pastor of the Congregational Church in Ben- Ancestry nington - died Dec. 1778 aged 64; the latter, my ancestor, a cabinet maker or house joiner, came to this town in 1776 with a large family - died Feb 1777 of the small pox; his wife followed him, shortly after, with the same distemper. Their decease & burial took place not far from the house now occupied by Deac. Dimmick 1 1/2 miles from W. of the Court house - aged about 50. These particulars were not touched by cousin W. but I mention them for the sake of preserving their memory - altho' dragged in without form or comeliness. Charles took down his violin & performed a few pieces. His little ones attracted my attention - two pretty girls - the one in her 7th, the other in her 2d year. During our meal they informed me that on the first of April they should commence keeping Almira Rutten'r public house in Danby, Vt. Left the pap. mill with Almurax daughter of Mr Ruttenbur - aged about 20, Dav'd her brother 24 - sat my lady down at Patchins' - visited printing office & H. Robinson's store - at the latter place saw Col Mer., Steph. Rob., Sam & B. Loomis & Tho's Davenport. At 1 J Hendryx's got work which he had cut out - bill \$1.55 - visited Dex., heard clock sing. Eve'g read Cong. newspaper respecting appropriation for Mil. Papers Depart't &c. Parsons here this eve.







Feb 1882 Died on the 30th of Jan'y N. part of Pownal Mrs Polly McCown aged 34 in  
193 Dec'r. She was the 3rd daughter of Mrs Eldred, late widow Carpenter -  
had been married about 13 years. I have attended scholl many a day with  
Mrs Polly her. Saw Mr McC. at the printing ♢.  
McCown

WEDNESDAY, FEB'Y 6 Cloudy, moderate, looked likely for storm - A sudden  
change took place after sundown, snowed some, blew up  
Wood very cold from N.W. We drew 7 loads of wood - Henry assisted. Cousin  
Hen debar Cornelius Stone paid us a visit P.M. - left here for Duncan's.

Cornelius THURSDAY, FEB'Y 7 Very cold morn'g - Cold day - fly'g clds - Six loads  
Stone. more this day - Henry again on the ground. Melissa  
Cold day Street came to work at tayloring here.  
Melissa  
Street

Wood FRIDAY, FEB'Y 8 Moderate - wind S. - some cloudy. 7 loads this day,  
J. Rogers exclusive of what J. Rogers drew at a jag with the  
J. Doty bullocks. Our force was strengthened by the addition of J. Doty who help  
ed J. Rogers grind his new axe which was the tool he used and it proved so  
Mr House far to be good. Mr House drew wood for Rog's. Mrs Eldred, Parsons' moth  
er, paid our ladies a sh'rt visit P.M. On Sunday, the 3d inst., we rec'd a  
Letter from good letter from uncle Eph Taylor which left them in better health than  
Taylor they had been for some time. It seems under their circumstances they  
J. Doty were very fortunate in receiving many kindnesses from friends & neighbors  
for which they were thankful indeed.

SATURDAY, FEB'Y 9 Moderate - cloudy - wind S. Again we drew up 7 loads  
wood - assisted by John & Henry as above. We unfortu  
Lamb nately lost a ewe this morning which had a lamb 2 or 3 days old - attempt  
was made at nursing it with the milk of a cow that had lost a young calf,  
Judge Fay - Litt. Paddy, if you please. Judge Fay came down & talked awhile with  
mother - his business was to see about settling an acc't between him & my  
father - said I might see him next night.

Feb 1822 The following persons visited this house in course of the day - Dewey &  
194 Bliss, Cornelius Stone, Jay Hinman, T.C. Parsons & lady P.M. & Mrs Waters

J. Doty SUNDAY, FEB'Y 10 Pretty cold - high wind N.W. John Doty kept Sunday  
here & shaved me. J. Rog. & I rode up to Blackmers'  
Judge Fay store or near there - he went to Algiers - I to Judge Fay's & then to  
settled Clark's & over to Fassett's - Saw there, Stephen, Heman Robinson, Bisby,  
with. perhaps Merrill & others telling great stories of large drinkers. Went  
back to Judge F's & settled an acc't of \$9.66 which had been unsettled  
ever since the fall of 1813 or rather I ought to say that was the oldest  
Butler's date - bro't him in debt \$5.66 - he paid me \$5.75 - we talked more than  
U. States an hour about history - Bennington Battle &c. Borrowed 1st V. of Butler  
His. U. States

H. Debar MONDAY, FEB'Y 11 Fair & cold - wind S. at night . Assisted by Henry  
we got up 7 loads of wood. We rec'd compa'y in the  
eve'g - Parsons - B. Loomis & Mrs Kent.

TUESDAY, FEB'Y 12 Hazy, wd N. - warm mid-day. Three lds wood drawn fm  
W. Pasture made our present supply am't to between  
60 & 70 sleigh loads. P.M. Capt Brown led us up to be witnesses in his  
Brown cause - not now to be sworn but to be examined by his attorneys at







Brown Hall's office. Gen Williams of Rutland & Bennett performed the queries.  
lawsuit. Those examined were, as near as I can recollect - Mr House, Capt Norton,  
Aaron Robinson, Capt Abel Dimmick, B. Harwood, H. Dimmick, N.F. Champney,  
See p.197 Stute Watson & E. Montague. H. Dimmick's wife & myself knowing nothing  
important in the affair were dismissed. The above persons & two or three  
others were held in attendance at the S. Court till late in the P.M. Fri-  
day without Mr B's being able to get his cause forward for trial - Hin-  
man & Swift's attorneys defeated him. Deliver me from Lawyer craft.

Feb 1822 WEDNESDAY, FEB'Y 13 Pretty chilly - storm brewing. Attended Court. A  
195 great many people present for ordinary times.  
Monroe & others vs Walbridge - Land cause - was tried & decided in favor  
Monroe of the former. Lydia & Dama visited at uncle Sam's this night.

THURSDAY, FEB'Y 14 Cold - Feathery snow, wind N. At court, another  
land cause - about 35 acres in Sandgate including a  
sawmill - all of little value - a great many witnesses examined & long  
pleas made on both sides - ended in expence & botheration to the par-  
Lawyers ties - an instance of the folly of going to law - Let it be a warning  
to those in cool blood to beware of asking advice of, or in any way med-  
dling with lawyers - what mischief ensues from their intricate shuffling  
- let them alone & keep about our business & we shall do well enough.  
Fire Andrew Debar discovered Parsons' house to be on fire coming here from  
A. Debar Waters' - assisted in extinguishing it.

Lewis the FRIDAY, FEB'Y 15 Fair & cold. Not much going on. A botcher calling  
Tinker of himself a tinker came here & bungled up a a few  
Westfield things in a style the most uncouth & charged me including his breakfast  
& a few buttons (poor things I warrant) 4/0, which I paid in specie. He  
was a tall sandy hared full faced, pot-bellied unprincipled young man.  
H. Grimes Hannah Grimes came to live at J. Rogers. Hen. & Dan Hand, his friend,  
tarried here this night.

SATURDAY, FEB'Y 16 A severe S. wind prevailed & bro't on hail & rain  
Morgan before night - ended in rain. We drew a load of wood  
wheat & winnowed 4 bhls sp'g wheat rec'd of friend Morgan on the 14th inst -  
could make out 3½ bhls fit for seed. Late P.M. L. Sherwood, H. Waters, F.  
L. Sherw'd Morgan, Lym Sherwood, & Edward Swift made a short tarry here. Agreed to  
H. Waters allow Morgan 7/0 a bhl for his wheat - and agreed to receive Lyman Sher-  
wood as boarder the ensuing summer.

Feb 1822 SUNDAY, FEB'Y 17 Rainy morning - foggy afterwards - wd N. much snow  
196 carried off. Perused for father Butler's Hist. U.  
States.

Kent MONDAY, FEB'Y 18 Cold & icy - snowed P.M. & eve'g. Mr Kent filed  
wood saw & dressed 9½ lbs flax - I got the break at  
Corey Brown's - assisted by Brown in fetching it over. Paid David Coret late  
teacher in out school district \$1.03 for Kent & 30 cents for H. Debar.  
Safford Robinson bro't home Damia from visiting at their house.  
Montague E. Montague talked of being married to somebody.







H. Debar TUESDAY, FEB'Y 19 Fine & cold. Settled accounts with Henry who had  
 rec'd over & above his six months wages inclusive  
 of goods bo't this day at Pickett's \$4.48 besides which he woad us 3  
 Butter days labor. At Fassett's sold 12 lbs butter & rec'd pay \$1.80 - of  
 which paid to Pickett 78" - bo't in goods the value of 93" - P.M. we  
 Harwoods rec'd company - cousins Abel, Hiram & Nathan Harwood, the 2 last had th  
 Bliss their ladies with them - Mr Bliss staid a little time also. Evening Mr  
 E. Bird Bird with a young man from Hartford, Conn., potter by occupation - nam  
 Kent ed Loring - tarried with us. Mr Kent dressed 12½ lbs flax.  
 Followed Mr Butler's Hist U. States

WEDNESDAY, FEB'Y 20 Cold ev'g - muggy - cloudy, rather thawy, subse-  
 quent pt of the day, stormed toward night. The  
 school money was paid this day & not as above set down. I sawed wood.  
 Visit at Father & mother visited at Mr Sherwood's. Henry rode young Jenny on  
 Sherw's private business W. part of the town. Kent & Brown borrowed the fann-  
 Company. ing mill which they drew home by hand. Rogers' lady & Miss Grimes visi  
 A. Fox ted here this P.M. Anson Fox, Mr Goodale's apprentice, arrived with 50  
 Sap sap buckets, 2 milk pails & a dinner pail. Began foddering off the W.m  
 buckets mow. Bradshaw Goodale came with Anson. Perused Butler from 1756 to  
 1762 - 3.

Feb 1822 THURSDAY, FEB'Y 21 S. wind & some rain swept the snow fast. Thundered  
 197 & lightened hard at night. Went to Capt N's still  
 & rec'd 22 gals cid. brandy which with 3 bbls cider including a few  
 Goodale pd green & dried apples was sent to Mr Goodale by Fox to pay for pails &  
 E. Mont. buckets. Bliss Loomis & E. Montague were here - the latter was in gr't  
 B. Loomis preparation for marriage - and was married to Miss Lucy Robinson - dau-  
 J. Murphy Miss R. was born about 1788 or 89 - I went to mill - rec'd stove legs  
 Brandy of J. Murphy & 31 gls brandy at N's still.

FRIDAY, FEB'Y 22 Fair mild morning - snowy & cold night. We worked  
 Lydia sick at the woodpile. Lydia was afflicted with a severe  
 Butler stiff neck - Read Butler again - but he was too much for using "Church  
 in the wilderness" - repeated that too many times.

SATURDAY, FEB'Y 23 Chilly - flying clds Wind M.W. Continued business  
 H. Waters at the wood pile - fagher out of health - Lydia  
 Rogers growing better. F. Johnson & H. Waters tarried here & with Jonathan and  
 F. Johnson his man had a gay time of it dancing &c. in the eve'g. I would add to  
 what is mentioned p. 194 respecting wood that it consists mainly of  
 Wood beech - very little other being among it - and we took it from an incon  
 where siderable portion of the old Sugar Place - E. & central parts - with  
 drawn f'm the exception of 4 loads from along the fence E. side W. past'r

Cold SUNDAY, FEB'Y 24 Calm & moderate till near night when it commenced  
 growing cold rapidly - wind high - snow flying from  
 Johnson N.W. Nearly compleated reading 1 V. of Butler's U.S. F. Johnson tar-  
 ried with us most of the day - likewise our friend H. Waters. Obligated  
 Stove on acc't of high wind to take fire out of the stove - an occurrence not  
 unfrequent since it was set up in Dec'r.







Feb 1822 MONDAY, FEB'Y 25 Severe weather, high wind & clds from N.W. No work  
198 going on here - went to mill & visited the court  
house & heard two very emphatic speakers opposed to each other ( of  
Cold. York State)plead in the affair of V.D.Speigle, Colden, Walsh & others.  
Lawyers. At the printing offices saw Elder Witherly & John B. Ryan from Hoosick  
Ryan. settling with Clark about the publication, of an address spoken by the  
Witherel. elder to a body of FreeMasons in H. Carried Lst V. of Butler to J.  
Biography Fay's & borrowed Elliott's N. Engl'd Biography. Montague went from  
N.Eng'd here fore pt of the eve'g. Charles Hicks was this eve'g married to La-  
C.Hicks mira Henry - daughter of wm Henry Esq of this town. C.H. aged  
married. his lady

TUESDAY, FEB'Y 26 Tolerably moderate & hazy - Sawed wood. T.C.Par-  
S.Robinson sons & S. Robinson Jun'r visited us P.M. the latter  
to hunt up a bag of grain which MontaG8 lost out of his sleigh Monday  
eve'g. It was found by P.Gulliver. L.Sherwood p'd us a visit this  
eve'g

WEDNESDAY, FEB'Y 27 Extremely warm & thawy - gr'd bare. Worked on the  
woodpile. Settled a little acc't with capt Brown,  
who with Sam, had paid us a visit in the P.M. - we did this business in  
the eve'g at Ab. Browns'. Had but two charges - use of cider mill to m  
Acc't make 1/2 52 bbls cider - at 0/6 pr bbl .....\$ 2.17  
with Capt P.Brown and 3 days attendance at court at 50" pr day ..... 1.50  
which together amounted to .....\$ 3.67"  
and it was endorsed on those notes which the estate held against father  
- he also shewed the endorsement of ninety dollars - Jan'y 10, 1822,  
money forwarded pr Abraham. I wrote & gave two receipts to capt Brown  
specifying the above charges - signed in behalf of my father - endorsing  
the same, being pay in full. We talked awhile and then came away.  
Capt B. was much at a loss how to get home. Present, Abr'm , wife,  
Aust Dimmick, S. Brown & black girl.

Mch 1822 THURSDAY, FEB'Y 28 Very warm, muddy, smoky & cloudy. Worked slowly at  
199 the woodpile. Father some unwell. Kent dressed  
Hunting 11 1/2 lbs flax - Boys hunted squirrels - S. Brown a part of the time with  
T.C.Parsonthem - We rec'd a cutter of T. C. Parsons toward what he owed us - more  
Faxon girl than half worn out. A.Faxon girl came here on some kind of business.

FRIDAY, MARCH 1st The warm weather continued, though cooler toward ev'g  
Cur ancient Doty mare which my father took to keep  
Nancy the for Moses Doty then of Troy, 1798, before she was weaned, & afterwards  
Doty bo't of him at four years old & with the exception of a few months ever  
mare since owned being by her most faithfully served, having by age & infirmi-  
dies. ties become reduced almost ot a skeleton & unable to rise alone was  
this day in the 24th year of her age humanely put to death by Jonathan  
Rogers who shot her through the head - she died without a struggle.  
When in health and she was never known otherwise in but few instan-  
ces, her figure was round & elegant, had not quite so good a head & neck-  
wanted size - possessed good spirits & strength - was early foundered in  
the fore-feet which injured her much for the saddle - latterly had the  
heaves badly - was remarkable for drinking but seldom, & also for being  
even tempered - high keeping without employment for any time made no dif-  
ference with her - she was as calm as if kept constantly employed - but  
with all her good properties she had some faults - was impatient when a







person or persons were getting into a sleigh or waggon, & would not go at all if a load started heavily. She left behind her three representatives all which we now keep. Rogers & I had a hard job to draw with the bullocks the carcass on a stone boat - to gain our point were under necessity of charging home upon them with the pitch-fork - it was carried to the opening in the woods opposite to the y'g orchard, against M's limekiln where Jon. & Hen. skinned the old lady by means of the bullocks

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Pratt's  
raccoon.  
Saf'd  
Robinson  
C.Hicks,  
Hicks &  
Pratt

Thayers  
store

D.Clark  
S.Pickett

Money

Having disposed of the old mare I returned to the house - Mr L.Dewey was here - told me he had been reading Lewis' & Clark's Travels to the Pacific - related many incidents he had learned therefrom. Pretty soon S. Pratt Jun'r came along with a fine raccoon which he had caught above our house lower part of the mountain. Before 12 set off for town - at Clark's read Gazetteer while he & his folks were gone to dinner - saw Parsons there. Visited Saff'd Robinson found him making some preparation for sugar works - trying to boil out a caldron in wat & ashes - C. Hicks was there - My business was to ask him about buying our sap-buckets - he told me he should come & see us on Saturday or Monday.

Returned to town with Hicks who had his fathers chaise with him in which we rode a part of the way. Visited U.M's office, Capt Hicks abd Mr Pratt were there talking about Capt M.Robinson - the former against, the latter for him - they sometimes became pretty warm - Uncle Sam came in before I left there. Went to Thayer's store - Joel Rice sawing & M. L. Selden splitting wood for T. a number were standing by looking on - I used the saw some & found it went hard. At the store where on the 13<sup>th</sup> ult I had left a letter directed to Jo Garey, Troy enclosing 8 dollars to be sent by L. Uoham - rec'd the same into my possession again - also from D. Clark in his office rec'd in full for butter & Cheese \$11.00

Went to Pickett's & paid to him \$13., four of which I had borrowed of him - 3 in plattsburgh bills which he was rather unwilling to take again - the bank not standing so fair now as then - had I kept them longer, in all probability they might have died in my hands. As I was coming home rec'd \$1. of Mr Bixby on the green nearly opposite to the N.end of the long shed - 33 cents yet remained due. Near Frost's shop Dr S. overtook me & informed that he had paid what was due on those notes mentioned p. 198 and taken them up. I told him that it was

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understood that they were to remain as they were till June and then hand have this business done - I had wrong impression concerning this affair & was sorry after I got home & talked with father that I had represented it in such a light to the Dr who had transacted the business with the purest intentions as well as Capt B. on his part - I was now satisfied with it. Kent dressed 11 lbs 5 oz flax. Eve'g read newspapers concerning the Apportionment Bill in Congress.







Kent  
F. Johnson SATURDAY, MARCH 2 Thick weather - moderately rainy P.M. - at night poured down hard - snow off mostly in cleared lands and melting rapidly on the mountains. Employed with father, Kent & Rogers till noon at the wood-pile - meantime K. filed 2 wood-saws. P.M. J.R. & I visited F. Johnson's school which was not very full - the scholars performed in decent style. We returned by nearly the same route in which we went - more than half the distance across lots - It will be recollected he kept the school S.E. of Lawrence's.

Webster's  
3d Part Eve'g took down Webster's old Third Part & then read in presence of father, young Child's & H. Debar the Orations of Dr Joseph Warren & John Hancock in commemoration of the 5th of March 1770 when the British soldiery fired on the inhabitants of the town of Boston. Both are affecting performances - the former is the best. I likewise in the same old book, which I hold in great reverence on account of its being a celebrated school book in my youthful days, read the Petition of Congress in 1774 to King Geo. 3rd., an excellent state paper

Polly  
Robinson SUNDAY, MARCH 3 Flying cl'ds - wind N. - droze at night. Perused some parts of U.S. history in Gordon. Cousin Polly Robinson was admitted into the Church of this town this day.

March  
1822 MONDAY, MARCH 4 Surface of the gr'd frozen hard enough in many places this morning to bear a horse, thawed up again before night - fair - w'd N. Worked at the wood assisted by Henry. Child's Birth at Rog's chopped for us an hour or two P.M. - and then he & Hen. ended the day at J. Rog's - where early in the day a female child was added to Adam's troubled Race. They were much pleased with it & named it Clarissa White - to Dr Swift bear up the name of John's mother. Saw Dr S. & told him all was right Aurelia respecting the money which he p'd Capt B. on our acc't. Aurelia Hand was Hand said to be crazy - so on that acc't felt greatly alarmed - spent most of crazy. his time at home. John Rogers sent to Frost's to get young Nancy shod Frost. w ith complaint of his work which had stood badly - shoes frequently breaking & tearing off. Eve'g perused N.E. Biog. respecting Mather, Cotton etc.

Astronomy TUESDAY, MARCH 5 Fine indeed - warm as summer - Very muddy. Worked at wood. Hen. assisted. Kent dressed 11.5 oz flax. Evening father & I talked of Astronomy. Ab. B. came in at the same time - his ideas of this subject was extremely infantile - did not app'r to be impressed at all with the grand & sublime theory of our great Philosophers on this august branch of human study.  
Mrs Crawford Settled acc'ts with Mrs Crawford, who owed us \$2.14 - she was accompanied by her young nephew, Thomas Crawford, & bro't Mother a new iron tea J. Rog's kettle - at 7/6. A. Godfrey & her sister Whitney were at R's washing. folks. Their Mother arrived here P.M. Eve'g H. Grimes came there - the others Jo Hand having returned home. Henry had his new suit. J. Hand came home but soon went back to his father's - his anxiety was so great respecting his sister N. Robinson that contentment & quiet were banished from his mind. N. Robinson agreed son. for our big kettle to boil sap in

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6 Warm & pretty fair - some signs of storm. Blue birds & some other of the feathered spring singers had been seen & heard, of late. Our wood business continued as above. Hen with us

March  
1922 Kent dressed 12 lbs 5 oz's flax. Lydia scalded bedsteads & bed cords. Colt. That colt, mentioned p. 80, which we helped up so many times, this day in leaping a low board fence, aimed too low & fell the other side & badly bruised himself so that we had to assist him to rise - but not more than operation. twice subsequent to his fall. Sam. & Nath'l Robinson rec'd in wag. our S. Brown sap-buckets & Kettle in order to go to sugaring. Sam Brown & Jo Hand Mr Eldred hunted squirrels - Had now 16 lambs & 2 calves. Mr Eldred & wife & Mrs







Eldred.  
Reforma-  
tion.

Parsons made us a good eve'g visit. Mrs P., Sally & I talked alone together in the kitchen about folks who appeared to assume too much on acc't of property. Mr E. & Mrs E. related something respecting the late religious stir on Staunton Hill

S Brown  
Kent.  
J.Duncan

THURSDAY, MARCH 7 Calm & hazy p wind N. Contin'd at the wood - S Brown sawed a few sticks for us. Kent & Jo Rood dressed 25.5 oz. John Duncan paid us a visit - talked religion.

Snow.  
Kent Debar

FRIDAY, MARCH 8 Six inches snow on the ground - cloudy - grew cold at night. Worked at wood slowly. Hen sick with mumps - Father & Mother were about 2 or 3 hours riding in sleigh. Kent got out 11 lbs 1 oz flax. Algiers was the place visited this day.

K.Debar  
Note to  
H.S't

Kent.  
Mr House.  
Fosburg.

SATURDAY, MARCH 9 Extremely clear - sharp air from N. Worked as above Henry went with sleigh to mill & then for Dr Swift - bro't a load of oats from Capt. Dimmick's. To Dr Swift a note with my name to it on demand was given for \$145.00 for taking up the Brown notes on the 28th of Feb'y ult for which he paid \$145.48" but I paid him the 48" down. Our note was dated Feb 28 as above. Mr Kent & J.Rood got out 26lb 5 oz flax. Mr House took away smoked hams - said 4 men were there getting stone for the N'n Canal. S.H.Brown spent most of the day at J. Rogers'. Young Fosburg came along here late in the day from Pownal. Henry sick at night.

March  
1822.  
Meteor.

This eve'g about half past 9 o'clock a most extraordinary meteor was seen by many which emitted a light the most brilliant, such as was hardly ever known before. Great diversity of opinion prevailed respecting the size and the direction in which it moved - some said it app'd as large as a hogsh'd - others thought it much less. I didn't see it

Scripture  
Lem Sher-  
wood.  
B.Lockwood

SUNDAY, MARCH 10 Pleas't but cold m'g - w'm, thawy, muddy day. Had but little more time thzn to finish writing in this book. Read those chapt's in Gene's which inform us of Jacob's seeing the Heav- edly ladder & the manner in which he obtained his wives. Lem Sher'd & B. Loomis here this eve'g.

Rogers  
B.Squires  
Judah  
Harwood.  
Pickett.  
Champney.  
Wallace's  
books.  
Settle  
there.

Kent.  
Branford  
letter.

MONDAY, MARCH 11 Hazy, thawy & very muddy, rained at night - wind S.W. Jonathan & I went to mill. Called at B.Squires' and rec'd a calf-skin on our account & settled off even. Saw Judah Harwood there trying to get work to do. At Pickett's bo't goods to the am't of ab't \$1.36" - p'd 19 cents down. Saw friend Champney who was much pleased at certain ideas communicated at this time. He and Jonathan had conversation respecting their dealings - the former agreed to pay the latter seven dollars on thereabouts by the next Saturday, if I am correct. We visited the bookst'e where J.Rog's bo't on acc't for R.Grimes, a ~~Psalm~~ Psalm book - With Col Merrill he looked over Wallace's books & found himself indebted to W. in am't of \$6.63" - so I was told by him. I carried in my acc't for carrying lard to Troy as mentioned Dec 20 1821, which balanced his, the am't being two dollars fifty cents. Borrowed at Judge Fay's Butler Hist. U.S. - 2d Vol. Met L.Sher'd & F.Johnson beyond Dr S's - they were full of fun, and came here this eve'g. Kent & Rood dressed 15 lbs 1 oz flax. Jonathan rec'd a letter from R.B.Stone, Branford, C't which mainly informed that their health was pretty good, that Mr J Butler his son and wife's uncle, a bachellor, had given him most of property to have him take care of him in his old age. I am afraid he sees trouble in this business. Henry sick with mumps.

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TUESDAY, MARCH 12 Flying cl'ds - and most of the time pretty warm, but latter part of the P.M. March winds began blowing







from N.W. Worked at wood. Henry still unwell & only did chores.

Board. Freeborn Johnson & Lyman Sherwood commenced boarding here. We agreed to receive of the former toward board in the Fall if delivered by the first of Dec'r the value of twenty three dollars in produce - and whatever more his board might come to, should be paid in cash - with a provision on his part that if he failed in procuring the produce above mentioned, it should all be cash payable in the Spring of 1823. Hiram Waters came here at noon and deposited a parcel of tools - staying & talking sometime with father and me. E. Waters' lady & Mrs Dix came to visit our ladies. Kent finished getting out our flax, and we called all of it lbs 150. - he set my saw, then tried to work for B'r but by some means B. was unprepared, and so P.M. was company for us sitting on the wood & Telling anecdotes. Loan Dewey rec'd 2 qts vinegar which they said with that he had already rec'd am'd to 1-1/2 gallons. Perused Butler slowly. Our boys were musical this eve'g.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13 High freezing wind from N.W., cloudy. My father in 18.... became security or bail for Sam'l Brown deceased, for a considerable sum - and since his death the attorneys for J. Hinman have threatened the bail frequently or would be glad to make him think himself in danger & thereby get something in a circuitous way out of B's estate. Capt. D. Robinson Jr, att'y for Hin. dropped a line to father this morning by way of caution to have him turn out property (if I mistake not), pay cash or get indemnified by Capt Brown the Administrator. He went to see him at Abraham's, and was informed that he might rest easy respecting it - for they could do nothing about it until a final settle't took place - at the same time if anything should happen, go to Mr Hall his agent & att'y, who could give information what to do - the estate was also good for the sum

March 1822 While at Brown's he rec'd payment for a horse sold to Ab'm Sept 11 1821 with interest \$61.82" in bills. Gen Robinson came down to direct Horse p'd Montague where he might get wood for his lime-kiln on his land & called for. in to warm - his health being bad, having about him a dry sort of cough Gen Rob'd which had reduced him considerably. We followed him as he entered the E. Mont. house, took seats. The conversation first began about the situation of the lines between lots & Rights in this neighbr'd and from that to the first settlement of the town. I would be glad to write an abstract of settlers what was said if it could be done correctly, but being unprepared for in Benn. the undertaking - shall only mention that six families first entered the town June 18 1761 as settlers, of whom my grandfather & his brother Eleazar were the heads of two - Col S. Robinson & his brother Leonard were also alike circumstanced - The others I think were Sam & Tim. Pratt The Gen'l said he did not arrive here 'till the Sept. following in his father's family - being 7 years of age the Nov'r ensuing. P.M. walked Gen Rob- to town & at Gen R's took up a note given for a fanning mill, Nov 22" insons 1816, the face of it being \$25., endorsements to pay interest left due note taken on it \$24.21", which I paid in full. Gen R. engaged to come down & have up a piece of land which was inclosed in our young orchard run out & deeded \$24.21" ed to me on the morrow if nothing extraordinary should happen. G. Caldwell, who was present when I paid the money, cast the interest - it had been done by Heman, but not accurately, on account of omitting the full am't of an endorsement mentioned p. 172, this being done reduced it to \$24.21" Discoursed some with friend C. on Chemistry. At Pickett's bo't on acc't 1/2 lb tobacco - visited the printing office & turned about for home - called at H. Hall's - talked sometime - ran through the reigns of the sovereigns of England from King ~~Geo~~ John to Geo. 4 Cows Gen Rob. this day sold 3 cows & a calf to Niles of Shaftsbury for \$41. Kept Mont's a night for him - had uncle Sam & hired man in the woods at work.







March 1822 THURSDAY, MARCH 14 Very clear & cold - high wind from N.W. Our main work underwent no alteration. Henry Worked with Childs at Rogers' pile A.M. - P.M. at our own. Gen Robinson agreeable to appointment came down with his son Heman, but without a compass, & after getting onto the ridge on which the W. line of the N. division of this farm runs, and tracing it down along as near as they could tell between a certain ancient butternut tree of large size & a ledge of rocks 12 or 15 feet high and across the brook into the road where it turns up towards the limekiln it was judged impracticable to proceed further and transact the business with accuracy, therefore it was put over to another day. The Gen. & Heman went up and gave orders how they would have Montague proceed in getting w'd - then came to our house, warmed and returned home. Our boys had a hard dance this eve'g - Andrew DeBar being of the party. Consulted M. Butler on the early history of Virginia, Carolina etc.

Land business. FRIDAY, MARCH 15 Fine fair day as ever was seen, but chilly. For an account of this days events see p. 226

H. Debar SATURDAY, MARCH 16 Cloudy & homely, storm expected from S. Labored as above. Henry was all day in our employ, but chopped at Rog's pile P.M. Jon. rode on business to Pow'l but got back in time to see Mr Haff who came to pay his respects a few mom'ts in company with Parsons. Rogers saw G. House who said the cart-body timber had of him on J.R's would be at the rate of \$1.25 per hund. feet. Erastus had no one but Burgess in his limekiln concern this day.

Bliss SUNDAY, MARCH 17 Warm & smoky - mild. Father & Lydia rode in wag. to meeting. Lyman Sherwood arrived from his father's P.M. - Johnson absent - Mr Bliss had an errand herd to get a smoked ham. Peters' preached in Pow'l where there had begun an awakening. Burgess Burgess preached here.

March 1822 MONDAY, MARCH 18 Good weather for business, but the wind blew sharply from N. Sawed wood along with father at J. Rogers'. R. was confined to his bed most of the day with the mumps. Late P.M. Rogers went to Dr Swift's for mother - talked a good while with Mrs S. who as usual was lively & talkative. As I was about to come away the Dr arrived accompanied by Isaac Gale, who came to settle his father's account with him. In the evening the Dr came down & we settled accounts comprehending all excepts boards bo't in 1818, and some other changes in a book which he did not bring with him amounting to perhaps \$10. Our charges since early in 1812 arose to about \$90. - and his from Nov 1811, time of the last settle'm't previous to this, including 2 small notes with interest, a sleigh called \$16 & some other articles mounted up to \$154 - to balance the books gave a note in my own name of \$64.07 on demand with int. This business was executed with dispatch & in perfect harmony. In 1816 we bo't of the Dr 30 lbs clover sd at 21 cts pr lb - rec'd per J. Himsdill - we could not ascertain whether it had ever been paid for - the Dr like an honest man said he had rec'd \$5 towards it - leaving a balance in his favor of \$1.30 which he said was entered in the book in which the charges above are mentioned - Father recollected afterwards paying the money.

D. Robinson. TUESDAY, MARCH 19 Fine, mild & smoky - wind S. Had a bad job at cleaning stove pipe & then regularly pursued business at the wood-pile. Henry was very lame. Parsons paid us a visit P.M. Capt. D. Robinson rode past to visit his father's woods - as he came back - spoke with him about the Factory debt - that I had paid it, but never had it settled - said he'd see to it







209 Friend Erastus stayed with us most of the A.M. and related over his various calculations to us. Mrs Parsons paid the ladies a short visit P.M.  
 March Our boys were late to supper on acc't of visiting Wid. Cady's sugar works  
 1822 at her house - they spoke of a Granger girl whom they saw there whose faculty at blackguardism was superior to theirs with all their heads put together. Parsons visited here this evening and related his usual round of news.  
 Mrs Parsons.  
 Board at Cady's.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20 Cloudy, unsteady wind; mild with many signs of storm.  
 The orchards were pruned. Henry could do no work.  
 We measured distances from the N. corner of my valuable tract of land lately purchased of gen. Robinson, & found the result to be as follows - 12 1/2 feet west from the stone wall against the W. side of the orchard - 21-1/2 from the nearest part of the brook in nearly a S. direction - and E. from the limekiln about 18 rods as paced by my father. More particulars may be seen p. 226 Hiram Waters with his friend Holland Blackmer came here this evening - in great preparation for leaving town. W. left with us a chest of joiners tools and some articles of wearing apparel, including some few papers.

THURSDAY, MARCH 21 Fine & fair - dry chill wind from N. Made no moderate impression on the woodpile. Parsons looked on some part of the day and related news. In the eve'g a few remarks were made by our boys on Mr Adams' mode of making up his school bills - demanding pay for more days than his scholars went if they lost any in the course of a half or whole quarter without allowance for sickness or sore shins.

FRIDAY, MARCH 22 Cloudy, thick weather - P.M. rainy from S. Wind piercing from that quarter - the storm commenced with hail was inconsiderable 'till night, when it rained steadily.

210 No variation of business. Henry entirely unable to assist. Dr Swift came to visit Mother late P.M. Parsons present at Eve. Lyman Sherwood had some shrewd things to offer respecting school affairs. Some of Butler's pages were disturbed.

SATURDAY, MARCH 23 Rough indeed - high wind & black clouds from N.W. with now & then a short shower of rain, round snow. Continued busy at the wood. Henry remained very lame though not so bad but that he could please himself playing the fife with his friend Ben Hand who came to visit him in the early part of the day. Mr Kent filed my saw & chopped some for us while I posted books for J. Rog. who this P.M. settled with J. Hicks & Son, D. Clark, & looked over with Richard Carpenter. R. at night informed us that Capt M.R. was wonderfully engaged with a string of Crowfoots at his heels - expecting by such base instruments to gain the election of his brother to the office of Town Clerk. Lem Sherwood rode to Shaftsbury to visit his uncle Joseph Rose.

SUNDAY, MARCH 24 Very pleasant - some chilly, but mainly warmer. Labored at the usual task which was ended before noon - allowing more time for reading Butler who I thought rather too prolix on the early history of our colonies, nor at best did I esteem him an able writer Johnson it was suspected was absent at eve. with his girl - bearing S.E. from this. Lem arrived at night from Shaftsbury.

MONDAY, MARCH 25 Fine - spring birds cheered us with their innocent notes. As soon as out of bed this morning, a lady rapt at the door whom I bade come in - she obeyed - seated herself - wanted a quart of brandy which was immediately measured to her - she paid for it & was away. Forenoon sowed plaster on Meadow N. & N.E. of the house. Adeline in company most of the time - P.M.







March 1822 at the woodpile again. Henry extremely lame, but not to that acute ness as to prevent him at night from accompanying our boarders ab't the neighborhood to show how queer they could act in wearing a black mask that Lem fabricated while sick this day here and at Jon's. H. Debar J. Rogers. Capt. Jonathan, whose lady removed into the lower room, went with me to L. Nortons to pay him a visit, but being absent in town, we, after waiting a little time, came to friend John's & there made out our visit very agreeably. Commadore Luman soon joined us. I saw & read 2 or 3 pages in Niles' Life of Comm. Perry Perry, on the most proper policy to be adopted by the nation respecting our navy, & we all thought he reasoned very justly - recommending a middle course, not to extend or contract too much - avoid'g both extremes. We left there between 9 & 10 having heard some good anecdotes and puns from Capt. N. in his usual masterly style.

Parsons TUESDAY, MARCH 26 Lovely mild, fair & warm. Again at the woodpile. Parsons spun out nearly the whole day, assisting about getting up some gardeh sauce which had been buried in the garden, of which we let him have a part, & being at Jona's shop &c. - very sociable company Montague We were merry on the subject of March meeting. Erastus, after rigging off our old sled with shoes, went to gen. R's woods assisted by Burgess and Brooks dug limestone. At 5 P.M. uncle Sam came down from town - talked awhile and then in comp'y with father & Adeline visited Erastus & his men - these last when they came down made a halt here & staid a few moments Boarders to see Freeb. & Lyman have a little jumping match - the former came off conqueror. Brooks made one effort, but without showing much skill in the business. H. Debar Henry much as he had been - sent him to Pickett's to get 1 lb tea & 4 do sugar

March 1822 WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27 Warm S. wind, cloudy - decent wagg. March Meeting. 212 arranged affairs for attending s'd meeting which occupied much of our time this morning. Between 9 & 10 arrived on the ground Esquire Henry was chosen Moderator by nomination, but for Clerk there was anxiety & it had to be decided by ballot. Wm Haswell succeeded by 68 majority over A. Robinson, the fed'l candidate. Ballott being insisted on by that ill-natured, narrow minded man, W. Blackmer, all the selectmen had to be app'td in that way, when there was very little or no opposition to any except the 1st & 5th - the latter had to be gone round twice for because they, I mean a part of the voters, neglected writing Jun'r on their ballots. This contest arose about selectman for the E. part of the town - there were 3 candidates - Giles Olin Jun - St Pratt Jun'r & Capt Perez Harwood - Olin got it 2nd time going round so that the same persons were re-chosen who served in 1821. As to Listers did not take pains to know who, nor the manner in which they were voted in. Respecting the constables considerable sensibility was manifested - however as Chas Hicks refused taking it; Jed Dewey was app'td First C. & Collector. T. Hills continued as 2d (C), Sol Safford, Treasurer. D. Clark I suspect would have been glad of the 1st C. but as business was transacted that calculation did not come within the plan of certain characters - and I think as parties stood I think it was the better way that it should not. Foul play was used on both sides - be it said to the disgrace of this town & of human nature. A Democrat said in my hearing that he had spent \$20. on this election - and I presume that sum would fall far below what Capt R. distributed in drams & otherwise to the Crowfoots & the fees attached thereto. Haswell had become very popular by his affability &







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and promptitude in transacting business as Clerk, but this they thought would not have ensured his election had not other means been used. Some of the opposite party disliked uncle A. so bad that they would rather have chosen almost any other person than that he should have obtained it. So I suppose a bargain was immediately struck up between them & some of the demo's to unite on Haswell & Dewey as they in effect did. In this there is no iniquity, but with regard to the other thing - giving drams & gifts, I do abhor it, & always shall - indeed I always till now boasted of the correct principles of my party - but alas they are departed from the good old rules which governed our ancestors who laid the broad foundation of our liberties, they are gone astray & unless a reform takes place, we are a ruined people. We will pass over the grand & petit jurors, hog haywards, about whom there was no small sport, because the principal & most aged bachelors were put in; pund-keepers & highway surveyors to come to the final concerns of the town. The Report of the settling Committee (Gen Robinson, Esquire Henry and J. Hunt Esq) was read and accepted from which it appeared that the town was good over and above all expenses between 90 & \$120. The meeting then proceeded to vote the taxes - 1¢ on the dollar for the support of the poor &c. 1/2 do for building & repairing bridges & highways. Mr Hunt was opposed to raising any for this last because they did not build a bridge over the Branch in his neighborhood that was but little used - for which he rec'd some pretty hard rubs. The school fund was next on the carpet - we were told it amounted to about \$2000. A Committee appointed for the purpose examined a plan, exhibited by Wilder, for districting the town, which being read & discussed was adopted & trustees for managing in conjunction with the selectmen - s'd fund

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On motion of D Robinson Jun'r it was resolved that the Selectmen & Trustees should be bound to take land security for all notes &c connected with the school fund to double the amount. For want of being better versed in such business my account of this transaction is clumsy & very obscure. The Committee to settle with the Selectmen &c the ensuing year consisted of Wm Henry, D. Robinson Junr & Wm Haswell. Since writing the above have learned the names of 2 of the Listers, viz: Ervin Safford & A. Hyde. Eve'g B. Loomis and our boys danced hard.

J. Rogers THURSDAY, March 28 Warm & much rainy - wind S. Dark thick clouds. Little settlement. was done except settl'g acc'ts with J. Rogers who had charged to us about \$9. - on our side had over \$73 - putting a note of \$41.62 into the scale turned it in our favor \$\$23.96 for which he gave his note, having previously taken up the other. Posting books & adding accts made the greater part of my employment.

H. Debar FRIDAY, MARCH 29 Blustering high wind - flying clouds from N.W. We sawed wood. Henry rode to Hand's to get alder bark for his leg, but by mistake procured withch-hazel. Rec'd from F. Johnson, cash. this morning towards board, 1821-\$1. & at night in full from F. Morgan for F. Morgan, the same \$1.33 cash.

Wood-pile SATURDAY, MARCH 30 Rough & freezing night & m'g, but less so than on the 29 Our solid woodpile was now raised to the size it was in 1821 - besides which the backside & W. end consisted of old wood - say 5 cords - & there was also a considerable quantity split & unplied as well as most of the small bushy stuff un-chopped which made us richer in this article than ever we were of late.







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Jonathan conveyed his consort in Hicks' chaise to Mr Godfrey's - left her there & ret'd P.M. and assisted father in removing wood with horses, & piling it. We rec'd two applications for hire the ensuing season from Dickinson boy & a Mr Martindale - the former we dismissed for want of size - the latter partially accepted with an understanding that if, after a few day's trial, the parties liked, he should serve 7 months at the rate of 40/0 pr month. Parsons spent an hour or two with us before noon - dined with me - James Buck came & took him home. P.M. a school meeting was holden in our district for the purpose of organization & to ascertain the number of scholars in it over 4 & under 18 years of age. There was a pretty full meeting - S.Loomis chosen moderator - H.Harwood, clerk, & S.Loomis, T.C.Parsons & L.Norton, Prudential committee. A list of heads of families in our district with the number of scholars annexed was made out which in all amt'd to 54. But after getting into town found our meeting had been regular enough if rightly timed - it was premature - according to law there was not sufficient notice, therefore another meeting was warned to convene on Saturday, April 6, at the schoolhouse to make strong what was already good. The authority of the town met to appoint tavern keepers, vendue the poor etc, but adjourned without coming to a decision respecting (the poor) then which was put over to their next meeting Apr 2d. Mrs Stiles & her children were excepted from being included among the paupers put up at auction. Mrz Rugg desired a like indulgence respecting her daughter but I believe it was not granted. Exchanged with D.Clark for Popes Poetical Works, Cook's Voyages abridged - agreeing to pay in produce in the fall ensuing \$1.25 to boot. Cook I bo't in 1818 at \$2. - put it to her at \$1.25 - rec'd Pope at \$2.50. Parsons, Brown & myself came home together. Nathan Robinson bo't our sap pails

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for 125 lbs sugar - 100 to be paid the present year. Uncle S.Robinson rec'd a letter from Uncle C.Harwood's children dated at Rutland, ~~Tth~~ March 25 - He was not expected to survive long. Frost at me concerning H.Waters affairs - said he owed him between 13 & 14 dollars, for which he wanted to be secured. I said what I could to prevail on him to wait till news should arrive from Waters -, agreeing that if there was likelihood of the removal of his property left in my care to notify him so that he might attach &c. A rough little drunken Englishman called here ~~who~~ for a while made great fun for our boys & then took himself off.

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man.

SUNDAY, MARCH 31 Unsteady wind, cloudy. Perused Pope on Criticism & besides the 33d Chap. of Genesis in which the account of the meeting of Jac. & Esau. Lem & Lydia Sher'd went to meeting, as they said. Our little cross Englishman paid us a short unwelcome visit - Lousy character indeed, indeed.

Birth

S Robin'n

D.Clark

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dale.

MONDAY, APRIL 1 Early in the day it was rather mild - winds were ray & towards evening it blew cold, cloudy, round snow. Between 7 & 8 this morning a male child was born at this mansion which we named shortly after Hiram Hopkins, a fine healthy character & hopeful youth Paid a visit to Uncle Robinson's folks & rec'd of them 38-1/2 lbs maple sugar, a part of which was towards hire of big kettle, say 12 lbs. Had one horse wag. pad fixed at Hicks'. Looked over acc'ts at Clarks, found them nearly even previous to our last bargain - Capt Hicks was there reading papers - Went to Mrs Griswold's to see old Rose - she was absent - talked sometime with Mrs Selden who said she had had 3 boys - saw Rose at gen. Robinson's - engaged her to come & assist at washing. Bo't goods at Pickett's. Young Martindale partly engaged as a hired man to us. Old Smith of Pownal pushed off early in the morning. Mrs Blazedell was married







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to Levi Hill of drunken memory, by C. Cushman at Mr Kents

Journey to Rutland TUESDAY, APRIL 2d Fair morning, but afterwards cloudy & raw. Father started in his 1 h.wag. for his brother Clark's at W. Rutland  
Ten A.M. the bell announced the death of Mrs Weeks, amiable consort of Mr  
Death of David Weeks, E. pt of the town. She was ill but about 4 days of a fever.  
Mrs Weeks She had raised a numerous & respectable family of sons & daughters, and her  
reputation was spotless - aged ..... My business was to be busy at a va-  
Calves riety of callings, not of themselves very important. Two young calves  
Hay. were added to our stock. As to hay - the mow W. of the floor measured  
over 14 feet wide N. & S. & over 9 high, very good quality too. Reuben  
R. Butt- Buttolph came & paid a visit to the Sherwoods - held a little debating  
olph. society at J. Rogers' the preceding eve'g - appeared to be a young man of  
good heart & understanding. Mrs Lydia Edgerton with her daughter Caro-  
Mrs Edger- line & hired maid, S. Lyman, visited here this day. Mrs E. said her son  
ton. Norm'n with his cousin Elon Denie were living at her brother Ethan's on  
H. A. Fay's farm in Fort Ann, N. Y.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3 Pretty clear, high N. W. wind. No very steady business  
however worked some at Jon's wood. P. M. borrowed  
Brown's oxen & cart with which he sent his boy and Jon assisting had bul  
locks yoked & put forward of the oxen - went to our woodlot, gathered a lo  
Chips load of chips with other stuff & had it dropped at a neighbors door where  
the man was ill & could not earn wood for his family - it was a hite to  
which they were entirely welcome. Our leaders behaved badly, but Jon.  
managed skilfully - made the oxen hold them when he wished. I suffered  
much from a bruise or say contusion on the instep of my left foot on this  
expedition & after my return. Rogers, S. Montague & Johnson assisted in  
choaring. Brooks, Erastus & the Nathan boy called here as they returned  
Montague from their work - paid compliments to H. H. H. Rose washed here this P. M.

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April J. Rogers' lady arrived from visiting her father's - doing well.  
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THURSDAY, APRIL 4 Fair morning, hazy afterwards, wind S. Worked at Jon's  
woodpile. Our young heir let us know that he was not  
Mrs to be meddled with, or in any manner pained, with impunity; his voice was  
Parsons & raised to a high tone at times. Mrs Parsons & our friend L. Norton paid  
L. Norton their respects to us, P. M. Reub Wickwire invited me to a drawing bee,  
John could not go myself but consented to let the bullocks go. John Dewey came  
Dewey. after butter for his mother - talked with me pretty sociably while tying  
up cows at the barn - said he should soon enter his 14th year. Erastus &  
Mont. his folks called again this evening in good spirits. Read to the end of  
Pope's E. on man.

FRIDAY, APRIL 5 Cloudy, wind first S. but soon veered to N. held steady  
ly there all day, had a short storm of rain & snow at  
D. Clark night. At Clark's this morning took 2 quires of paper, for which agreed  
Pickett to pay 1 bhl apples, bo't some things at Pickett's, codfish & G's cordial,  
Adaline. to the am't of 42". About midday Adeline commenced quite a route with me  
in the woods W. of us; left her S. W. of Mrs M's Kiln to which I directed  
Cattle her & went on to hunt up my cattle, which after ransacking the woods all  
hunt. over found in Brown's pasture against our N. meadow, bro't them home, had  
the bullocks yoked & let Brown take them up to the drawing where they, as  
was said, performed well. Now went to the limekiln in which M. had put  
fire & bro't away Adeline with whom Erastus pleased himself talking of  
buying her lit. brother. Closed the scene by knocking dung in the Litt.  
Meadow where A. Parsons, who was playing with most of the little fry of  
Tanbrook, assisted me a few moments. Mr P. who had been quite sick a few  
days, paid his friend, S. Harwood, a visit to see the young man. Lem S'd went  
home to his fathers. Waters' shop they drew to the bridge beyond Dexter's  
& there left it for another day. H. Grimes visit'd here.







April 1822 SATURDAY, APRIL 6 Fine, air cool, Worked at R's pile which I finished chopping & splitting with a single exception. Eve'g had business at the S. - J. Hand accompanied me - he went home. I expected a meeting of the school-district, but that blew out. Stayed awhile at E. Rogers. E. Fay. Fay Jr's who after showing many of his ill bred flights gave me a due bill in favor of S. Loomis for highway rates, arrearages, 1821, \$2.72 Returned to friend L. Norton's and after his return from visiting S. District No. 1 in his official capacity as selectman, enjoyed an hour or two very pleasantly Johnson ovdr the 1 V. of Ree's Encyclopoedia. Johnson rode in quest of money & could raise none at this inst. but could get it soon ~~at~~. Lyman Sherwood, afternoon, left us for home. Erastus drove his kiln, left his oxen here, & they had good stomachs for hay

SUNDAY, APRIL 7 Rather warm in the morning, but became quite cool before night - cloudy. Went early to borrow money of Dr S. James Hubbell. DS. who trusted me with \$8. I wanted 9, but he could not spare so much on acc't of having purchased the Cyclopoedia of James Hubbell Esq who had drawn a full sett in a lottery - paid for his ticket \$15. At friend Browns procured the dollar wanted which added to what I had before, made up \$20 - this I sent by John Doty to S. Pickett out of which he was requested to pay to Joseph Garey, Troy, \$19.62 to settle an acc't with him opened Jany 4 or 5 past. Doty performed the business for me at night. Father arrived from Rutland where he left the folks in better circumstances than he expected Harwood. to when he went from home. I perused Pope some, but not very profitably. B. Hill. Lem & Lym Sherwood arrived from home. Bingham Hill came down from Arlington with father to visit his friends Messrs Bliss & Dimmick, visited and wished me many good wishes on acc't of the boy.

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MONDAY, APRIL 8 Cloudy, rough high wind fr N.W. Young Martindale began to work here for 7 months on terms mentioned (p) below Paid Clark for his paper as agreed upon p. 218. Bo't of Pickett 1 lb tea & 1/2 do allspice. Col Merrill, Mr Wilder, Mr Webster, Maj'r Potter & others Haswell were present talking about schools & Academies. Saw Wm Haswell just as he had started for Burlington to go & get money for pensioners - went to his home & got the deed which I left there to be recorded on the 10th ult. G. Gabey Carried grist to mill & a bbl cider to uncle Gabey which I assisted Mr Abbot & John Richmond to put into the cellar, a boad job, put it to him at \$1.37 which with what was due for brandy, had before, amounted to \$2.06 - engaged to pay when his money should arrive from the N. Returning from B. Hill Algiers overtook Bingham Hills on his way to his father Norton's - he rode with me to the Harwood establishment where he spent a short time to look at our folks & then pursued his course. Knocking dung was the employment on the farm this day. Jonathan went to mill, had his grist ground & bro't ours with it home. Hen, who was no better, with him. Lem Sherwood was ill at home this day.

TUESDAY, APRIL 9 Cold S. wind, snowed P.M., melted. Ploughing & mending Martindale fences made the chief empl't this day. Old Mr Martindale came to see us respecting his son - made terms with him the same as on the day on which his son came to see us first, viz: - 7 months at 40/0 pr month, to be paid half in money, the remainder in clothing. Wid. M.D. Robinson & Mrs Dexter came to solicit alms for poor children - had a favorable reception. Mrs Dickinson paid our ladies a visit. One of Montagues Dickinson men supped & lodged here. The kiln was in full force.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10 Very unpleasant indeed - high S. wind, cloudy some rainy Read Pope's Life of Bath - afterwards 35th of Gen.







April 1822 The boys of Tanbrook played ball this quarter. Two of Erastus' limekiln men were at our board more or less this day. Father heard Mr Peters from the pulpit.

J.Hand THURSDAY, APRIL 11 Cloudy & showery, wind N. A.M. sowed plaster. P.M. put up fences at the S. end of the field on the hill  
Death of S. of Jon Rogers. Jo Hand went home with his brother Dan. Died this  
McEowen m'g after a long illness Dan'l McEowen, aged 42 years

Kent FRIDAY, APRIL 12 Fine, wind N.W. Prospect flattering. Justin pursued  
Algiers plowing - father & I put up fences N&E sides of the f  
exhibi'n farm. Kent built a cradle for J.Rogers. They had a grand exhibition in  
Marsh & Jonathan attended - the three last at night - Lydia likewise went  
down at eve. Our babe had turns of sharp crying.

U.M.Rob. SATURDAY, APRIL 13 Wind high from S.W. P.M. rained hard, but not all the  
David. time. Ploughing & mending fences progressed till to-  
Stephen. wards noon or nearly that time, after which other concerns occupied out  
Heman. attention. Late P.M. visited Court House, saw U.M.R. who related the man-  
Peters ner in which they transacted business at their school meeting at which  
they organized according to law. Party spirit pervaded all their doings -  
voted down the minister throughout - At Clark's office found David, Ste-  
phen & Heman Robinson reading papers, S. read aloud, and I have rarely  
been better entertained; some of the pieces were full of sparkling wit. We  
parted to go home talking of those extraordinary days when Bonapart & his  
folks flourished. Bo't goods at Pickett's, saw him afterwards. Rec'd a  
dun from Dr Heman for ministers tax.

April 1822 April SUNDAY, APRIL 14 Rainy & very unpleasant till late in the morn-  
ing. P.M. more pleasant but high winds blew fr  
different quarters and last from N.W. Had my writing out of the way as  
soon as possible - read of Judah's conduct as mentioned I think Gen 38th  
Bible. C. - perused Pope - and sweetly enjoyed an hour or two with my friend L.  
Pope. C. - perused Pope - and sweetly enjoyed an hour or two with my friend L.  
L.Norton. Norton at his house reading in Ree's Cyclopoedia - articles Alcibiades,  
DeAlemtert and a part of Alexander - John was there likewise. Clarissa  
Loomis, returning from meeting, called in and staid awhile. Henry continued  
ill with his leg.

Poplars. MONDAY, APRIL 15 Rough cold day - wind N.W. Ploughing was prosecuted by  
Parsons Justin. Father & I set poplars above Parsons. Par-  
sons was considered very sick. Jonas Billing being boarder there assisted  
in taking care of him & doing other choars. Visited there a short time,  
Billings saw Mrs Eldred, Hial P. & his lady who had their little boy with them. In  
School town attended a meeting of the selectmen and trustees to look into the  
fund. school fund & other concerns at Cushmans' S. front room. They waited some  
time for the absentees to come in & then opened the meeting by appointing  
Mr Breakenridge, Moderator & D. Robinson Jr Clerk. The Clerk read over a  
list of the persons indebted to the town for the use of school lands,  
their notes altogether amounted to up'd of \$1900, some part of which was  
not in very good hands. The object of this meeting in the main was to take  
new notes backed by land securities to double the amount thereof. The Sch'l  
laws were read in part, a committee considing of C. Cushman, D. Robinson, U.  
Edgerton & L. Norton to look up persons indebted, & was chosen - to make a  
compromise with Capt Blackmer who had been sued







April 1822 by the town on account of the school fund, if they could, & to make a report at the next meeting which was to be a continuation of the present on the last Saturday in the pres't month. As Clerk of my District I was qualified by Wm Henry Esq - & left returns of 55 scholars in s'd district in the Town Clerk's office. The selectmen were all present, but not all the trustees - those whom I recollect were - W. Henry, J. Vail, S. Morse, S. Robinson, D. Robinson, M. Hurd Jr, S. Wadsworth & Mr Stratton. Business was conducted very harmoniously and accurately I believe, or intended to be so. Information as to the management of our school land appeared very deficient, but we put ourselves in a way to gain it. I had to push Col Merrill for money to pay taxes - Montague found him unprepared which made me feel disapp'd & otherwise uneasy. Erastus had ill luck with his limekiln - had to put fire to it again - his 1st heat having failed producing the desired effect by great odds - bad scald for him. Marched from town with friend L. Norton, who dismounted to accommodate me.

TUESDAY, APRIL 16 Very chilly S. wind - stormed, rain & snow P.M. Secured Algiers. trees above Parsons'. P.M. went to Algiers to see if I could settle acc's with Capt. Hills & others, but wholly failed - none of them ready. Conversed awhile with B. Squire, who said he'd pay me ere long - told him I would not push if others did n't.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17 Flying clds - rough, high N.W. winds - heads of mountains covered with snow. Sowing plaster constituted the main business - Justin followed his plough P.M. Uncle S. Robinson bro't his lady here on a visit. Boys played ball at night. Adaline kept the field with us, much of the day.

April 1822 THURSDAY, APRIL 18 A rough storm of snow & rain came on P.M. very gradually from the E. Two acres & 1/4 sown with sp'g wheat, Wheat such as we bo't of Mr Morgan of Pownal, at the rate of 1-1/2 bbls to the acre - W. of the barn - Justin harrowed it in, except what was done by Brown's team & boy which we had about an hour. We mended fences & sowed plaster in the meadow. Mr Gulliver & family arrived in the D. Fay house to abide with Mr Keht - Erastus & hands had pursued their lime business with Gulliver spirit, finished burning the first kiln 2d time. Gid House was here early Death of this evening, had lately returned from Boston where he said his brother J. House. Jrseph departed this life on the 19th of March, aged 36. Gideon saw H. Waters who said I must write him soon.

FRIDAY, APRIL 19 Chilly & cloudy, snow on mountains, but good weather for common business. We noticed distinctly the report of Cannon artillery from the W. & presumed somebody was celebrating the anniversary of the commencement of the American Revolution - 1775 - We worked till noon sowing plaster. P.M. Justin managed the plough, and father continued the H. Debar. other business. At night carried Aunt Sarah to her son's U.M's. Hen rode with me to see Dr H. Swift respecting his leg who examined it and pronounced Peters' it doing well. The Doctor being collector of Mr Peter's rates called on Mr tax. D. Clark for his, which he refused paying except at the end of an execution - D. Clark. alleging that he did not think it his duty to pay a man who discouraged subscribers from taking his papers. It was plain from movements, to & fro, that a war had commenced between our good Pastor & some of the wolves among his flock. Saw Col Merrill & C. Hicks about taxes - the latter said he must have them in less than 5 days.







April 1822 Saturday, APRIL 20 Cloudy, chill'y & Unpleas't - Early in the morning went after Dr Swift to visit Mother who had been taken very ill the preceding day & continued so 'till this time when Dr S came down and bled her and left other directions which proved beneficial. Sowing plaster, ploughing & putting up fences made up this day's employment. Just at night visited town - saw Old McC & son Darious who talked hard respecting our revered Pastor - more I say not. Charles Hicks' rec'd a bad twist in one of his legs while playing ball which caused him great pain for the moment. This eve'g I paid to his brother James in his absence our State, town & school taxes in full - 10 dollars 37 cents in the presence of cousin Henry Harwood. At Judge Fay's borrowed \$5 until the first week in May - talked a good while with the col. & his lady concerning Missionary societies, female donations, school ~~tax~~ &c. The good woman plead her cause ably, but could not convince her husband nor me of the utility of all the priestly machinery. Received in front of widow Jerusha R's house (capt S. Blackmer present) \$5 by the hand of U.M. Robinson to apply on Col Merrill's acc't - Bisby paid me in full, thirty two & a half cents. Being put to my trumps so much to collect money gave me melancholy ideas - my spirits were low - the frailty of human nature stared me full in the face. It was as late as 7 o'clock in the eve'g when I paid over the money to Hicks - Henry had gone home with my waggon; but I walked from P. Dewey's barn to Brown's with Almon Ovaitt of Pownal who appeared to enjoy good prospects. Lst me not omit mentioning that I bo't of D. Clark a small blank book for keeping the records of District No. 2. Lem Sherwood & F. Johnson visited their respective homes. Henry's leg seemed to be doing better.

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FRIDAY, MARCH 15 Bro't over from P. 207 Genl Robinson according to appointment came down accompanied by his son Heman & G Caldwell to survey out a piece of land lying at the SE angle of what he possessed on Right No. 19. Its shape is that of a sharp triangle - the extreme point being at the N. Being joined by Capt Chase with his compass we commenced operations on our W. line a few rods S of the brook where it runs underground & ran S. marking the trees anew, but not exactly agreeing with the old line, because as the compass was set, it carried them a little to the E. when within 12 feet the wall bounding our orchard on the W. the question was asked whether the line should go in the middle of the wood road or that the wall should be the boundary? Gen R. was strenuous for the former on account of the road being secured to both parties - without reflecting much, it being left to me, assented to his proposal, so the corner was made at the point above described & the land measured as specified in the Deed which is record in Book 11, page 46. The corner is not accurately mentioned in the deed in every particular which may be seen by turning to p. 209 This having been adjusted, we then examined the line running W. from the S.E. corner of Robinson's land to our NW corner adjoining the Street lot - had the trees new marked - the gen. going part of the way - father, Heman & myself going clear through, the breath of the former being so poor as to prevent him from doing so. All hands then came to the house where Capt C. made out the dimensions of said land, and the price was fixed according to an understanding between Gen R. & father in 1807 when the land was first run out, at such rate as made 113 rods amount to \$16.48 after which Gen R. & his folks rode off. Capt C. staid & dined with us. During that interval we talked over the business and concluded







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not to buy any beyond the wall if Gen.R. would agree to it - so had Capt C. go with his compass & chain & measure it off which subtracted, as he informed us, from the other left 90 rods within the orchard. That which we wished to throw out of the calculation we viewed as of little or no value, and, as to road land, we thought the gen. and his successors more beholden to us than we to them for privileges of that kind. I have not time to write half what was thought or said on the subject - father & I both solicited gen.R. most correctly to comply with our wish but to no purpose, buy it we must - so Heman filled, his father signed, & David, as J. of the P. received the acknowledgment of the Deed which I carried to P's store for Haswell to receive & record. Paid to Gen. Robinson for the land \$16.48 Paid on note to S. Pickett twenty dollars. On our way from town called at friend Waters' - found him not full of cash, could not get it from those that owed him, consequently not ready to pay \$15.10 to us due for pork. H. Waters & H. Blackmer paid a short visit here - danced - and I don't know but tarried all night. Fine day. I calculated at the time to write more particulars, but I cannot.

Parsons

Dr Bowen

SUNDAY, APRIL 21 Chilly, part of the day fair. Beside the usual task had time to read I Chapt. in the Bible - some in the papers - and Pope's January & May - a pleasant ~~day~~ thing - wrote to H. Waters of Boston which shall be reduced bye & bye. Visited Dr Swift's for Parsons to get L. Sherwood's crick bedstead - had good talk & good apples with the Dr & Lady - at the office saw Morgan & Dr Bowen - talked of history. Parsons pretty sick - Father & I P.M. visited him an hour or two.

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faulters,

Judge Fay

Parsons

MONDAY, APRIL 22 Very cloudy, chilly & P.M. snowy - cold as winter at night. Plowing & sowing plaster constituted business at home. Was in town getting plow fixed at Col Norton's - visited Pickett's, bought goods, to the amount of 14" - pd. Saw Col Merrill in the street talking with uncle S. Robinson - we passed a few jokes - and then he went into his office and paid me \$5 which with what he let me have by the hand of cousin Uel on Saturday, amounted to \$10. Heard a few remarks to the disadvantage of a certain character - the Col shewed me his state papers - T.B. Waite's edition, which he offered for sale, but I could not buy. S. Fay informed us that John Connelley was crazy - threatened to burn the Public de-jail if the prisoners were not liberated - visited the printing office - read in the papers that the public defaulters held money belonging to the U.S. amounting to more than \$20,000.000 Paid borrowed money to Judge Fay \$5. - he & his lady were at breakfast. At night Thomas Morgan & his friend Kingsley came here and danced with our boys - Freeb J. played for them Watched with friend Parsons who was on the gaining hand. Billings' horse got hurt.

Anna  
Downs.

TUESDAY, APRIL 23 Fine morning indeed, held so past noon. P.M. wind blew up extremely raw from the S - at night cloudy. Took Brown's Billings mare - led her across lots from Kents to Smith's, thence to the Walbridge road, thence by young Silas' where now lives James Martin under Austin Harmon, over to the E. road to Elisha Downs' at the gristmill formerly owned by Bushnell where I informed the people of the house what my business was, and that was no other than to gallant their oldest daughter Anna by the route just described to P's - found ourselves very sociable - She informed me that she was in her 18th year - landed my lady at P's just before noon







April 1822 P.M. father & I, Adeline in company, mended fences. At night visited Algiers - met Gillson in Lieut Safford's lot, told me that he should work the present season for Montague. In Algiers expected to see Mr Gabey, but he was gone onto the hill, me with Ward Barney my old school fellow, who had lately recovered from a hard fit of sickness at F't Ann - talked a moment of this & that, and parted - took the road towards the meeting house - met Mr Gabey uncle Gabey seated in Capt Robinson's one horse waggon a little this side the old forge pond - where he paid me \$2 - making some of his shrewd observations at the same time. Pursued my course up to B's store where I saw Hendryx Eldad D., Pomeroy S., & others - marched over to Hendryx's to settle a little debt, but he was absent at L. Cross' French school - Now clawed for home but not in so much haste as to forget to pay friend Brown a dollar which I borrowed of him on the 7th - p.229 - spent the eve'g writing - late placed my trunk on the soft side of a buffalo skin and slept soundly.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24 Expected rain or some kind of storm in the morning - chilly & cloudy - but the P.M. was warm, fine for business. Oats were sold on the field S. of Jonathan's along the Dr Fay line. sown. We mended brush-fence as well as some rail-fence, in the woods, between Gen. R. & Brown which did not belong to us to do, for the sake of preventing our Mr Martin-cattle from going round by Brown's. Old Mr Martindale left a cow & calf here to be kept a few days till his family should remove from W. Creek to Pownal Mountain. Eve'g joined Lydia in a visit at Capt Norton's where most of the ladies of the Loomis & Norton families were present, Laura H. inclusive. Our Lydia & Mrs Hills went to see McElerhon, whom they found in an emaciated state, exhibiting signs of mental derangement - nothing enticing.

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May 1822 My visit was in many respects like former times, because I played a few pieces on the flute, and, among them that heard me, were those who used to be with me in company when young. Friend John & I were pretty sociable - his father likewise appeared to enjoy sociability & music as usual - being naturally very fond of either. With Mrs Barney it was not my lot to hit upon anything quite so interesting as I could have wished - she however readily gave full & correct answers to all such questions as were put to her concerning Meadville & the country round. Mr B. was gone to his father's. Between 9 and 10 came away.

THURSDAY, APRIL 25 Warm & cloudy - rained from N. at night. Finished sowing oats - 4-1/4 acres S. of Jonathan's - 2 more S. pt of the Tracy field - Rolled the oats in plaster. P.M. had the flock bro't up to manœuvre with. Our boarders all left us in consequence of the ill health of our ladies. Lyman Sherwood paid us in full for 6 wks board \$6. Nothing unfriendly caused this family revolution.

FRIDAY, APRIL 26 Warm flourishing weather, cl'dy, w.S. Harrowing oat ground having been completed, the garden was plowed & made. P.M. the beds dug over, laid out & partly sown. A.M. father & Justin put Martin-le up old half wall between cow pastures - at 2 or 3 P.M. the latter had the John headache so bad as to cause him to quit work. John Patten, that old sloven Patten. cider drinking, idler, dined here - I gave him a few words in plain English as he departed which he might perhaps wish to forget.

Manure SATURDAY, APRIL 27 Warm, growing season. We commenced drawing out manure with wag. & horses. P.M. at 2 o'clock walked to Dr Cash pd Swift's - paid to his daughter towards borrowed money \$7 - continued my Dr Swift walk towards town - got in company with a shoe-







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Morgan

maker who lived in Pownal - was sociable - said he had served in the late war under Capt Danforth of the 30th Reg't. I was informed that his name was Morgan. At Cushman's the meeting which was adjourned to this day was held. Particulars of this meeting I shall defer until another day. At the close of the whole came home in company with L.Norton, L.Sherwood & F.Johnson

SUNDAY, APRIL 28

Rainy in the morning - fair mid-day - wind high S.W.

Season  
Butler  
Visit at  
L.Norton

rained again at night - this was called a fine growing season - grass & grain flourished smartly. Tried to read and be entertained with Butler's U. States, but had to lay it aside - looked in Pope as I was walking to friend L.Norton's - the man & his lady were gone to meeting. Read the Cyclopoedia - slept - read again - L. came home - nearly finished the article of Alexander - supped with them - John & Dickinson came in just before I left the house, came home, assisted in doing choars, perused a Chapt'r or two in the Bible, concerning Joseph; the butler & baker - the fat & the lean kine - also noticed the grandeur of the Lord's Song near the end of Deut.

MONDAY, APRIL 29

Fine day, flying clouds, whirl winds from NW. Time nor

House's  
oxen.

H.Debar

words, any that I have learned, will not permit me to express the pleasure I felt from a survey of pastures and fields in going to House's to get friend Gid's steers to work a few days. Had to go only to Hand's, where H. was ready to go to ploughing his garden, but delivered them to me by order of Gideon. Assisted by Jonathan who drove stags & steers & horses, got out sev'l loads manure. H.Debar also helped, but had been previously disabled by his leg from laboring any for a long time. Mr Dewey (Eldad) bo't of us 7 bhl oats - pd \$2.10

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Esther, daughter of the late Stephen Harwood died on the 28th inst aged 30 years. Adeline began going to school to Clar.Loomis. Mrs Parsons paid us a visit this evening - said P. was getting better fast. Mr G.Godfrey Sr paid his respects to us this day - smiled at our boy - I treated him with gin. Bliss Loomis spent a little time here at the close of the day.

Leaves

TUESDAY, APRIL 30

Warm &amp; cloudy - wind SW - appletrees becoming green - elders had already leaved out - a growing season. We

Manure

Mrs Par-  
sons.

H. Debar

pursued business as above, the young bullocks were very turbulent till towards the close of the day when they became much more manageable. Houses's steers were given in service, but Jonathan, assisted by another hand vastly improved both pairs. Father attended his cousins funeral, Mr Peters preach a good sermon on the occasion. He Debar waited upon Mrs Parsons to Hoosick Falls. They rode in 1 h.waggon - arrived here again at night. Dr Swift was here this eve'g, paid up bor'd money \$1.00

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1

Mainly warm - a sudden thunder gust arose from NW -

Vegetation

some hail, lasted but little time, but it was fine for

H.Debar

vegetation. Went on very tardily with the business aforesaid till noon. PM dismissed stags, employed House's steers with horses & performed manfully. H.Debar worked for us. Lyman Sher'd paid us a visit P.M. said he had & still remained in bad health.

THURSDAY, MAY 2nd

Cloudy &amp; towards noon &amp; the remainder of the day very warm, fine growing season. Finished manuring ground NW

Manure

H.Debar

& N. of the N.meadow; worked H's steers which were extremely awkward about taking off & putting onto the tongue, but good to draw. Brown worked at like business. H.Debar said he was calculating to clear out shortly.







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1822 FRIDAY, MAY 3

Cold & cloudy, wind N. Spreading manure and ploughing green ground for corn employed us - Sent home Gid's oxen at noon

Bullocks agreeable to request - P.M. worked our stags or bullocks or whatever we would call them - they performed much beyond what might have been expected. At mid-day friend Parsons came in to see us for the first time several days since. Henry chopped wood for P's folks some - drove home Gid's oxen for us & pursued such course as suited his pleasure.

SATURDAY, MAY 4

Cold, frosty morning - cool &amp; cloudy thr' the day -

L. Sherwood

wind N. Business as above. L. Sherwood butchered a

B. Squire calf here in the m'g - at night I carried the skin to B. Squires' & sold it it for 94 cents on short credit - which added to 43" due on the old

S Godfrey score made an am't of \$1.37 Saw Sam Godfrey building a small bee house for Mr S. Mr Loomis came down to bring a calf skin. From Algiers march

I J Hendryx into the street - paid I. J. Hendryx in full 51 cents - he & Frost were Hubbell J in his shop talking of having some beer together. J. Hubbell told F. that

he had the model of a garden hoe made by a blacksmith in N. York for

which he rec'd a premium from the Agricultural Society at their cattle show last fall of \$10 - wanted he should make him one. Rode in Mr Rose's

Cyclopedia waggon to Dr S's office where in a short time the Dr rec'd his Cyclopoedia, but not in full - some of the numbers in W. & Y. , or say there were

none farther than V. had arrived. We viewed the books a good while. The

persons present were Dr N. & H. Swift, Bowen, Morgan, Sherwood, Johnson -

another youngster - Ed Dimmick, & Semantha. Lyman Sherwood was there a

Cash pd

part of time & came home with me. Paid to Dr H. Swift Collector of Minis-

Peters.

ter rates, one dollar towards B. Harwood's tax. We this spring sowed plas-

ter on the pasture ground stretching from the Fay farm W. to the lane -

& from the W. part of the Champney lot to the woods - and such parts of

the meadow as were suitable for it

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SUNDAY, MAY 5

Cold & stormy till nearly noon - snow lay on the mountains - pretty chilly through the day. Perused But-

ler respecting Pennsylvania, Virginia & the Carolinas' in the early part of the 18th century. At night carried a quarter of veal to Dr Swift's

Dr Swift to pay for one rec'd from them July 30 1821. Saw Dr S. his lady & daugh-

Dr Bowen ter and Dr Bowen - with the last sat in the office and read through the

account of Ancient Troy, which I liked much, Biographical sketch of Mirabeau

a Frenchman, born 1749 - died 1791 - not a very good character and some-

thing less important. Besides what is mentioned above let me say I read

the 42d of Genesis which is interesting.

MONDAY, MAY 6

Flying clouds - cold wind from NW. Finished ploughing ground for corn. Jonathen, assisted by H. Debar

J. Rogers

Charles

Thatcher

married.

made and planted his garden. I omitted recording yesterday that Charles

Thatcher was married to Miss Rachel Thayer, daughter of Sam Thayer Esq.

H. Debar & J. Martindale attended the wed'g.

TUESDAY, MAY 7

Chilly S. wind - cloudy & PM some rainy. Took 60 bbls of potatoes out of the cellar - flax seed was sown -

Potatoes

planting ground harrowed over. Capt N's sheep were found mixed with ours

Sheep

made it our business to separate and drive them away - informed L. of it

& he said they should be taken care of - talked with him respecting Acad-

emy &c. The Canal stone-diggers from House's accompanied by Mr Hand,

Cave party Jonathan & Jo visited the Cave in Dr S's lot. H. Debar worked an hour or

H. Debar two for us & about as much for J. Rog - spent the PM at Dr S's office.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8

Cold dry winds - strong jerks from N.W. Made preparation for planting. P.M. ridged with horses -

Justin chopped wood.







May 1822 At night his father took away his cow & calf which we had kept since Apl 26. Father & I made it a part of our employment to take down a stone chimney built by Montague on the 28 Nov 1821. Mother & Damice rode to town - H. Debar & D. had a little adventure in the waggon by one of the Stone chimney. hold-backs giving away - Waters' horse was before it & tho' he ran a few Waggon- rods, no mischief ensued. Mother & Damice paid Mrs Waters a visit - heard accident. much respecting Clark's paper & Peters. Let it be remembered that the Clark's wind blew intensely strong this day - ripped off some shingles - threw paper. down a few fences.

THURSDAY, MAY 9 Chilly whiffing wind from N.W. Finished ridging a part of our ground, while Father & Justin were putting Planting. up fences and doing other choars. P.M. commenced planting corn. Mr Bliss. of his own free will, assisted - related anecdotes as usual. We holed the ridges after traces drawn in my marking establishment & had ashes & plaster dropped as recommended in the Gazette of April 30. Damia & Mother rode abroad again. Uncle Sam, late P.M., came to get a load of lime for John Doty Erastus - we let Justin assist him. John Doty arrived with a bruised H. Debar. finger intending to spend the night here. He Debar was now in full preparation for leaving town on the morrow to go to Troy with S. Robinson Jun

FRIDAY, MAY 10 Frosty morning, rather dry chilly winds, fly'g cl'ds - J. Doty Same business continued - J. Doty assisted - principally at dropping corn. The E. wing of the cornfield I furrowed - and then marked it cross-wise as above - the ashes we discontinued for want of more help to execute that part of the plan - using plaster only. H. Debar. H. Debar left us this morning for Troy in good health & fine spirits. Mrs Eldred & Mrs Duncan paid us a short visit - Chatf'd was with them. Lydia visited Pickett's store - P.M.

May 1822 SATURDAY, MAY 11 Dry cold wind from N.W. - fires broke out on the mountain N. of Trenors. Finished planting corn & at night or near night had business in town. In preparing to go, attempted shaving Planting but my razor being extremely dull, my skill poor, patience gone, solicited corn finished. Sally to barber for me - she refused - I was displeased, because I thought she had an interest in trying to improve my ill favored fiz as much as she could - shaved one side of my upper lip - gave out & rode off - called Shaving. on Mr Pickett & informed him that in a few days I would call, settle & give a note for what was due previous to his going to N. York - he gave me Mr J. Gary's address am't which he settled in full - the money which he rec'd Selectmen over & above the amount thereof (38") he credited to us. Went among our & selectmen & trustees, felt ashamed of my long beard, stopped over to D. Trustees. Clark's office & there took off, with a dull razor, the unwelcome fleece - afterwards attended to business at Cushman's - walked to W. Haswell's - Pd to his lady 20" for recording deed. W. Bates came to examine records with U.M. Robinson concerning some dealing at Algerine Factory. I borrowed 1 V. of P's Geog'y, returned to the meeting whose proceedings I shall not attempt to detail at present - orders were drawn in favor of the Prudential Committees on the Treasurer of the town for the proportion due each District out of the aggregate amount - \$353.60 raised by tax - the sum due this Dist. No. 2 being \$22.00 Bo't of D. Clark 2 papers of ink powder - 1/9 charged - traded at Pickett's for J. Martindale to the am't of \$1.66 - added 1 lb brown sugar to that for self & rode home having Justin & Jo with me.







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SUNDAY, MAY 12

Dry, smoky, warm - & Pleas't. Salted colts & sheep - sent Adeline back with the basket & walked to friend L. Norton's where I found the house alone - helped myself to the Cyclopoedia in which in the course of the time I spent there read rem'ks on Alexander character & the life of Dr Aldrich a good teacher & lively poet - born 1667 - died 1710. After awhile Julius N. came in who produced his small system of Geography & Astronomy - concerning the latter I read & talked with him. Past 2 P.M. the folks returned from meeting where in the A.M. they said Mr P. had preached a historical sermon - explaining among other things Daniel's 70 weeks of years - which meant in plain English, 490 yrs. Was invited to dine - assented without comment, but tho't as it was the third or fourth time of my doing so, there was a sort of impropriety in it which gave the action a bzd look - resolved afterwards not to repeat it very soon. Before coming away P.M. spent a few moments with old Mrs N.C. Harney & Mrs Betsey Rogers in L's S. room, the latter lady I did not think had faded much in the course of 11 years - it being so long since she was married. As the sun was about to go behind Anthony left L's - did choars at home and read a Chapt'r of Joseph's Life.

Visit

L. Norton

Betsey

Rogers.

Potatoes

planted,

Fire

MONDAY, 13 th

Smoky - wind S. - warm & dry. Potatoes were planted around the corn field, beans & potatoes in the garden Pigeon-hunting was now the rage. About noon Brown's woods were discovered on fire - suppos'd to have caught from huntsmen firing amongst the dry leaves/ Lem Sherwood & J. Rogers were hunting & assisted us & Brown's people (who by the bye got there too late to do much) in putting it out, but dedlared themselves positively innocent.

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Fodder.

Blossoms.

Sim

Thrasher.

of setting the fire. Brown was engaged in planting corn, had Mr Dickinson in addition to his every day hands - felt extremely unwilling to find a man to stay & see that the fire did not break out again. P. Gulliver finally staid awhile - Gov Tichenor was one of the sportsmen in the woods, but did not set the fire. We continued foddering our cows yet, of late but once a day. Plum blossoms were out some days since - apple blossoms showed themselves tolerably plain on Sunday. Sim Thrasher pssed in a short time - went off immediately.

TUESDAY, MAY 14

Warm & smoky, dry - wind S. Cloudy - expected & wanted rain very much. Employed in the different branches of

E. Waters

house

raised.

Brown.

planting potatoes till P.M. & then ab't 3 o'clock went to E. Waters' raising, it being the frame of a respectable two story house, posts 20 feet put up without much fuss after which the young men & boys played ball in V.D. Sp'gles meadow. I looked at Dr S's books - viewed ancient maps - the Dr himself present. Boweh came in before I came away. Staid too long - father disliked it because it was dark ere the choars were all done. Brown sent his witch boy to mill with his oxen - the oxen ran away - B. pursued with our mare & found them.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15

Warm, with signs of rain till P.M.  $\frac{3}{4}$  wind turned to NW. Hurried the clouds over with a slight sprinkl'g.

Potatoes.

Letter

from

Bramford.

Finished dropping & plowing in potatoes N. & E. part of the Tracy field. Jonathan rec'd a good letter from Bramford - dat'd May 5.

THURSDAY, MAY 16

Fine cool cheering weather, tho' too dry. Ploughed Mr Kent's garden with horses & bullocks - At noon we held a spirited dialoge on the Poor or Rag Society - father & I opposed, the ladies

Kent's

garden

planted.







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approved the plan. P.M. ploughed & fenced a patch of ground for J.Rogers E. of his door where he calculated to plant watermelons &c. Old Mr Green J.Rogers. and his brave hired man Si Crawfoot Dr came to look for stray sheep which we supposed had been among ours, but were not there now. Justin and I ended the labors of the day by driving our bullocks to the upper part of the farm & back again - their behaviour was quite tolerable till they had returned to the dry-brook bars where they in part ran away but I soon overhauled & stopped their career, but in doing it fell to the ground, bruised off a small piece of skin, which however was hardly worth mentioning.

Mrs Parsons.

A wheel-barrow load of soap-grease was wheeled to Parsons' for Mrs P. to work up on a contract with our ladies.

FRIDAY, MAY 17

Cloudy & some rainy which took place mostly P.M., wind chilly from S. Beans were planted & poled and potatoes

Beans.

Corn

scratched

up by

hens.

Mrs Thayer

&amp; Mrs

Harwood.

Full-

bloom.

E.Waters.

toes planted in the garden - corn ground looked over where the hens had scratched up what was planted at first & now planted ov'r again. P.M. we drove B's cattle off our rye adjoining his woods where his fence was very low indeed which we bushed in as good style as anything which does not in duty belong to us to do; remainder of the day spent in picking up wood about the door, mending fences &c. Mrs Thayer, F. Johnson's mother and S. Harwood's wife, paid us a visit - the latter rec'd for her husband 4 bbls potatoes. Mrs P. Crawford was here at the same time but did not st'y long. Apple-trees in full bloom. This was the 2nd day our cows had been in the summer pasture. E. Waters had business at Rogers' - came in to see H. H. Harwood.

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SATURDAY, MAY 18

Cloudy, warm S. wind. 2 P.M. arose a most furious thunder gust from NW which trimmed trees, threw down fences & perhaps did other damages more than was under my observation. Our forenoon was taking up & removing the foundation of stone wall on the E. side of the barn-yard to the E. side of the lane against the meadow opposite to the S. part of Clark's orchard. P.M. rode away with mother to Algiers to get grist at Safford's mill - during the shower she staid at Mr

J Safford

G Godfrey.

Mr Godfrey's & I at Capt Safford's - the Capt & his lady had been to their farm - bro't thence a large looking glass, were caught in the first part of the shower. A sandy haired man of Pownal took shelter there too. I read in the N.Y. Spectator concerning the heavy tolls on the Canals in that State likewise an account of an improvement in letter-press printing by a gent of Lancaster (of) Pa., who introduced the use of rollers instead of ink-balls. After the shower, which effected a change in the appearance of vegetation as pleasant as it was beneficial, the ground having become extremely dry, we proceeded to Pickett's - bo't some light articles there & came home, tho' not without calling on our way from Algiers and returning to Judge Fay his books borrowed in Feb. - Talki g a few moments with him in the bargain. At home I found that father & Justin were engaged in laying up fences blown down by the wind. Father during the shower had much to do to save ~~y~~ his young pigs, gathered them up in a basket & bro't them into the house. Having been out a good deal in the rain & doing so much at the fences fatigued very considerably my good old father. I rec'd a few days since a \$3 bill of J. Rogers - of which \$2.91 he paid on B. Squires' acc't - and now this day I rec'd a dollar more of him towards the \$1.37 which Squires owed me on the 4<sup>th</sup> inst. Paid pr H. Swift to Peters \$4 - see May 4<sup>th</sup>

B Squires

J Rogers







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SUNDAY, MAY 19

Mostly fair, rained a short time P.M. - soon over-  
wind blew up cool after it. We accomplished our  
choars, such as milking, turning away team to pasture & salting colts,  
calves & sheep, not to mention mending fences where they had been blown  
over by about 10 A.M. - Justin went to his father's in Pownal. Perused  
a little of Pope. I P.M. walked to Dr S's office & there enjoyed the new  
books - examined an interesting history of the origin & progress of the  
science of Astronomy, besides glancing at a good many other things - found  
Dosley, a famous book seller & Theatrical writer to be a very good char-  
acter - died, if I mistake not, in 1762. Saw white here my old boarders &  
Ed Swift & Semantha. Returned before sunset - read a Chap't in Genesis  
in which Joseph makes himself known to his brethren. Visited Catherine  
a short time, read 2 or 3 Fables in Gay - added together 48 lbs butter  
which she had bo't of us since Sept. 1821. The eve'g was rendered irksom  
by the distress ( a usual thing) of H. Hopkins' father - sick all day -  
Damia in the wilting mood - Lydia, able to go to meeting, plan & execute  
much labor. Mother gaining by degrees - assisted in taking care of H.  
Hopkins - Justin arrived late from Pown'l.

J Rogers

MONDAY, MAY 20

Fine agreeable weather - some cloudy. Put out calves  
to grass which looked well. In the N. part of the  
cornfield looked over and planted corn where the shower had washed away  
what was first planted. Fences were mended W. side the lane, & on the Fay  
line against the S. end of s'd farm. Went to Capt Norton's - talked  
awhile of this & that - then leaving Justin to dig stone went to the  
Street pasture and bro't home our young cattle - sent Justin to inform  
Brown of his part of the fence on the F. line being down. P.M. father &  
mother rode to Mrs Crawford's - visited Pickett's &c. Hiram Hopkins had a  
sore mouth, cried much.

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TUESDAY, MAY 21

Moderately rainy from S.W. most of the A.M. & a part  
of the P.M. - fine growing season. Had horses shod  
at Frost's - while that was doing visited Hall's office - looked at a  
good many books - in some of which read a little. Lawyer Squier was t  
there awhile and copied something out of the records of the Probate offic  
Just before leaving here went in to see Mr H. who lay sick in a bed room  
S.E. of the kitchen - found with him his fri'd & Neigh'r A. Robison who  
related some abecdotes of persons who fought at Bennington battle - talk-  
ed with Mr H. about his illness &c. - of which he was some better, but not  
yet so as to sit up much, or walk about any - six weeks since he was con-  
fined to his house & 5 since he was bed-ridden. Understood his disorder  
was called Inflammatory rheumatism. Borrowed Eaton's Geology & returned  
home. Here the chief business was pounding out corn, cleaning out the  
garret & kitchen chamber and doing other such kind of business. Lydia  
worked hard in the upper apartments - Sally had as much as she could do  
to take care of her sick boy. J. Rogers P.M. went to mill - sent a grist  
of corn by him besides ordering him to leave for Mrs Crawford at the mill  
1 bhl rye & do corn. Parsons visited us some. Eve'g while I was reading  
a little in Eaton, P. Gulliver came over to get Browns' buffaloe - Mrs B.  
was intending to start for Connecticut next m'g. P. was going to wait up-  
on her - felt very nicely - said B. had washed his sheep this day.  
Perused Eaton slightly in the eve'g.

Mrs  
Brown.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 22

Warm, showery, growing season - Washed sheep at Parson's  
P.M. when it did not rain, dug stone over by Norton's  
- visited Luman a short time - also Mrs Dickerson, who mentioned her  
charge for making pr pants for J. Martindale was 3/9. Rogers rode to  
Gov Tichenors with Cath.

Dickin-  
son.







May 1822 THURSDAY, MAY 23 Fine growing season, fly'g clouds, pleas't P.M. Rode with mother to M.Norton's to day - left her there & went on to Gibbins', procured a quantity of spruce for brewing, returned to N's by the furnace road, which I found pretty rough, but preferable to the other which goes by Weeks' - our roads in general were extremely stony since the heavy rains. Mother having paid a friendly visit to Mrs N. & Mrs Witherly her mother - we proceeded to Mr Thayers in quest of spikenard - Mrs T. was absent - I went to cousin Stephens - after a little time he went with me & assisted getting a fine quantity of that useful root - came back to Thayers' - got aboard & returned to this spot latish P.M. Visited the S. pasture adjoining N's & Dickenson's - borrowed bags at Capt N's - agreed with Mrs D. to take a bhl of rye or 50¢ in cash for making the pantaleon afors'd. Visited town to borrow \$10 in money. Fassett & Pickett severally refused - marched back to Dr Swift's - found the Dr andd his son busy emtying a beehive - without hesitation lent me the money - so much for having a rich good man in the neighborhood

Expedition to Troy. FRIDAY, MAY 24 Fine, but unusually cold all day - wind N.E. Started late in the morning for Troy - arrived there about 5 P.M. - enquired of Merrit if he had plaster - was informed that there was none up from the mill - expected a boat load in the course of the day. Drove on for Albany - saw where they had been working on the canal - a mile this side the city a tramping lady begged to ride - took her in & found her of low standing - wore a patched gown, mean bonnet & other things accordingly - her breath savored strongly of brandy or rum - left her in the midst of the city. Enquired for & found the dwelling of Capt H.A. Fay

May 1822 Stabled my horses at neighboring inn. Supped with my old friend or rather supped by myself - talked with the man & his lady - sat up late talking old affairs with the former - heard him play elegantly his violin & then retired to rest. Liked Mrs F. very much - her youngest child, a boy, six months old, was very restless & worrisome.

H.A. Fay SATURDAY, MAY 25 Frosty this morning & chilly, but ended in a fine day. clear, wind N.W. Walked out with Mr Fay before breakfast - visited the market, P.O. & the fishmongers at the dock - returned to breakfast - after which went with him & his little son to his store at the water-side - staid there awhile - found Mr Southwick's Address to the Apprentices of Albany at the opening of their Library, which Mr F. gave me. Left the store & accompanied him to a Livery stable where he engaged a horse to put in a chaise to ride with his old friend Dr Shaw about 2 miles into the country. I still kept with his little boy & marched to the capitol. Here a boy met us with the keys and immediately unlocked the doors of this grand building and shewed us most of the apartments besides ascending to the outer part of the balcony from which the prospect is fine & charming indeed - found many names & the initials of names of persons who had viewed visited this part of the capitol written on the pillars, in most instances with a pencil. In the Corporation chamber are likenesses of Gen Washington, Geo Clinton, John Jay, Morgan Lewis, D.D. Tompkins & D. Clinton elegantly painted. There is a fine painting of the illustrious father of his country set in a superb frame behind the speakers' seat in the Assembly Chamber. Saw many curiosities here more than time or talents permit me to state. Lost my faithful but blind little yellow dog which voluntarily come to us in ~~1774~~ 1814 - always gained the







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good will of all around him. I now gave him up as finelly lost, & after looking some for him, prepared with haste to leave the City - settled my bill with Mr Wilcox - paid him fifty cents out of a five dollar bill which he got changed at a neighboring store - giving back to me a three dollar bank note which I did not notice from what bank it issued, a one dollar Columbia bill & fifty cents in specie - the latter bill had two small holes shaped like a diamond cut in it - Borrowed Fay's Music book - left the place between 11 & 12 at noon - drove moderately to Troy - here by taking great pains - making several blunders - visiting I. Merritt & Sons instead of D. Merritt & Son's mill - but finally at last getting to the latter got over 500 lbs plaster, for which paid \$2.15 - returning to the store rec'd 6 bbls coarse & 2 of fine salt, and paying \$5.50 - left Troy and arrived past 6 P.M. at Wheeler's & there put up - at Jos Gary's bo't 13 lbs soal leather at 26 cents & Morocco skin for \$1.50 - all amt'g to \$4.87 on credits.

SUNDAY, MAY 26

Fine & tolerably warm - Drove from W's to S. Eldred's in Hoosick - while here Mr Young & his man W. Gould drove up & called in. Mr E's people informed us that an aged man, hear by, named Lampson, lay at the point of death. At the Old Kinion Stand found S. Parsons & lady who had just called there with their sick neice, C. Parsons who they were removing from Pownal to Hoosack. They said she appeared to be taken more unwell & at their staid sometime to know the result, which finally was that I must call & inform Dr Swift of her situation & to visit her. I called at the doctors - saw his daughter, but not him, left word with her. Mr Professor Dewey preached in Bennington this day.

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MONDAY, MAY 27

Highway  
work.

Warm & fine. Worked on the highway - S. Loomis, Surveyor Most of the people in the District either were present or sent others in their stead. Parsons' bridge employed several hands to repair it - blue hill was carted on to that & the hill N. of Parsons'. The upper end of our part of the road having been fixed, proceeded S. - closed the labors of the day turnpiking a piece against the Riley place above Capt N's shop. Here friend E. Fay disputing with his neighbor Barnabas Wood got so high that he dared him out of his waggon to whip him - W. accepted the challenge, but Fay hauled in his horns - all ended in smoke.

TUESDAY, MAY 28

J. Rogers  
cow began  
to be pas-  
sured.

Warm - flying clds - wanted rain - but tho' signs appeared we were denied any. Same business again. P.M. worked on the Fuller road  $\frac{3}{4}$  B. Loomis & I wrought here by ourselves throwing out loose stones - he related many little incidents concerning J. Rogers & himself in their younger days. Father & I dined at Mr Loomis'. We to be pas-over-paid our rate which was according to Mr Loomis - \$7.32. This eve'g tured. J. Rogers bro't here a cow for us to pasture which he had hired of W. Haswell.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 29

Warm - some smokey - Walked to Capt Dimmicks and away over the "Ridge" to find his son to come & shear our flock. He came on and did P.M. amounting in number, including 1 belonging to Dickinson, to 24 - Endorsed on D's note for this job - fifty six cents. Bisby contracted for our lambs at \$1.25 pr head - Mr Marsh called here - happened to see them and pronounced them fine indeed. Mr Kent made a cricket bed-stead for Ad. to sleep on and a large fine board. Dimmick left remarkably good humored - said he had built 75 rods of wall in 15 days - Brown's ox was sick - got over it again.







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THURSDAY, MAY 30

Cloudy & warm - w. s. Plaster was sown on sp.wht - plast. & ashes mixed on flax - & plast. alone on the Oil Mill. poorer p't of the oats - lower pt of the field S. of Jona's - P.M. some Walling. work done by Justin in the garden - Father built half wall W. side of Mead Mrs Gul- ow by the side of the lane down towards Parsons' - Mrs Gulliver whitewash- liver. ed - Mrs Molly Dewey rode down in her wag - wanted corn - we could not Mrs Dewey spare it - p'd her 14 cents a ballance which she had handed us for seed paid in corn which she had not rec'd - She said Eldad mentioned that some years full. since our folks bo't of him yellow ochre for painting - never had his pay, demanded and we paid in full 60 cents.

FRIDAY, MAY 31

Kent.

Mill.

Peters

paid in

full.

Picketts  
acc'ts.

Vety warm, cloudy - wind S. Building wall was our m main business. Just before noon Mr Kent came over & proposed that I should go to mill for him while he filled my place here - it was agreed to. At Judge Fay's rec'd for K. 1 bhl rye & i/2 do corn & carried it to Saff'ds mill. Visited the oil mill, carried 1 bush. common & i/2 do bad linseed for which was allowed by young Sage 1 gallon & 3 pints linseed oil - rec'd the same except 1/2 pt which my jug would not contain. At the saw-mill conversed with Sage - who seemed to think some young folks of his acquaintance were pretty fond of each other. Returned to the grist-mill - waited for grinding - read some good pieces in Adams' "Understanding Reader" - rec'd grist - started off with it - met Dr H. Swift the other side Mrs D's - informed him that I was going to pay him money on Mr P's rates - told me to hand it to his folks which I did - five dollars in full - Lucy Street being present with Mrs S at the time. Looked over acc'ts at Pickett's - found due on note \$5.25 - paid on it \$2.00. On book since (Dec'r) Jan'y 7 1821 had rec'd goods to the am't \$45.98 - but by not properly understabding Mr P. did not find out the true am't of credit.

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Dr Swift

which next day he plainly wrote down - amt'g to \$16.10 leaving due \$29.82 Paidn \$10 borrowed money to Dr Swift - handed back a note which he sent by me to collect of J.Slade, Pitts't N.Y.

SATURDAY, JUNE 1

F.Johnson

J.S.Rob'n

F.Johnson

Extremely warm. Same business again. P.M. Justin said he could not work. I had him clean my gun. I let his time go on the same as if he had worked with us. F.Johnson returned my flute. E.Swift came with him. In town at Eve'g saw Goodrich of Hoosack drunk or crazy seated in his 2 horse wag.. Saw Lem Sherwood & J.S.Rob'n E.Swift - L.Sherwood and J L Robinson - talked with the latter about hist. &c - said he had seen a calculation in some paper which mentioned that probably in 1860 the population of the U.S. & Ter. would am't to 60 mil- lions - May 25 F.Johnson paid towards board, 1821, \$8.00 and about the same date E.Waters paid toward pork \$10.00 Our ladies finished papering the S. room, nearly accomplished housecleaning & whitewash'g - Mrs Gulliver had assisted three days. Ros'a Woodcock washed here. Edwin & Heman Robinson - uncle S.R.'s son's visited here P.M.

SUNDAY, JUNE 2

Warm faint weather, had several very fine showers in the course of the day accompanied with thunder. My ~~sp~~ spirits were low - dryly perused the pages, a few here & there, of E's Geology - examined the columns of the N.Y.Spec. of May 28 containing among other articles the Rep't of the Ministry of Spain to the Cortez on their foreign relations which caused in me a kind of sympathetic feeling on acc't of their form of gov't which they are endeavoring to supp't. In the Bible read of Jacob & family removal to Egypt, death of J. &c. Toward Eve'g visited Dr S's office & there examined partially an account of the numerous Gods of the Ancients & the life of O.Goldsmith, born about 1731 in Ireland, died 1774. Saw Lem, agreed to butcher calf for us on the morrow.







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Bisby

Death of

Capt.

Wickwire

Ed Swift was present. N. Squires & L. Sherwood walked up together - the former appeared to have some acquaintance with history - left him examining article Louis XVI. Lyman Sherwood accompanied me home. Mr Bisby rec'd on his contract 6 lambs - paid in Nantucket bill \$5.00. Our paper informed us of the death of Gen. Stark, May 8 1822, aged 93 years, 8 months & 24 days. Died this day in Bennington Capt Joseph Wickwire aged nearly or quite 88 years.

MONDAY, JUNE 3

Hoeing

Ed Robinson.

Veal.

Lem Sherwood.

Gulliver.

Low clouds from N.W. Expected rain A.M. & eve'g but none came & before 9 o'clock all signs vanished. Hoeing corn was the chief employ'm't. Edwin Robinson came up to live with us a few days. Lem Sherwood butchered a veal calf here which in the aggregate weighed 78 lbs - Dr Swift's folks rec'd (lent) a hind quarter, 20-1/4 lbs, Mr Brown a forequarter (lent) 18-1/4 - 5 weeks old. Carried to D. Clark 19 lbs butter at 0/9 pr lb. Jo Hand rode in co. so did Lem. as far as the office. Mrs Gulliver worked for us again at papering & whitewashing. Mrs Dickinson & she supped with us. This day the remains of Capt W. were interred.

TUESDAY, JUNE 4

Training

Cloudy, past 8 A.M. commenced a cold rain which continued with various fluctuations till past 12, after which it gradually wore away & became fair - All the training characters of this town were called together. Capt S. Walbridge Jr commanded the horse - Capt E. Waters the Artillery - Capt Heman Robinson the W. & Capt G. Blackmer the E. or Shirkshire Infantry - The Band appeared well. Capt Walbridge was succeeded in command by H. Henry. In my Comp'y some new officers were - 1 Serg't & 3 corporals, whose names shall be noticed - p. 301 - Carried to Ballard's (once Conklin's) a calfskin weighing 9 lbs 6 oz & received cash \$1.17. While it rained took shelter in J. Hubbell's office.

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Debt at

Pickett's Company.

where we enjoyed lively conversation & some good reading in the writings of an English-woman on the manners &c of America, 1819. Rec'd of D. Clark for 19 lbs butter \$2.37-1/2" - took up note at Pickett's paying 3 doll's 25" - likewise paid \$5.00 on book account - Spent a little time in Kelloggs Esq Barney present - then turned towards home - called at Bliss' - talked a few moments. Arrived here after sunset - found E. Montagu & lady, Mr Phelps, lady & 2 children, whom we were much pleased to see. Safford Robinson & Mrs B. Waters - all left here early in the eve'g - had only time to play a tune or two & bestow a few apples. B. Loomis paid his respects to us. Borrowed the Englishwoman's work of J. Hubbell. Justin lost half a day at training.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5

Corn.

White frost in the morning - tolerably fair. We planned hoeing. A part & a very large part too of our corn appeared sickly as if eaten by worms. L. Sherwood & F. Johnson staid with us this night - they danced besides. A few pages of the "Eng. Woman" were read by Damia at noon & by me at night - we were highly pleased with her.

THURSDAY, JUNE 6

Mrs Dickinson.

Johnson.

Tolerably pleasant - some cloudy. We continued hoeing Father was ill all day - P.M. could not work - sat in the house conversing with Mrs Dickinson who talked of buying our geese. Mrs Gulliver paid her respects here towards eve'g. This morning Fr Johnson paid towards board \$6.00 Grass app'd to flourish.

FRIDAY, JUNE 7

J. Rogers

Cool S. wind - cloudy - expect'd rain. Continued the above business. Capt N's cattle broke into our enclosures & troubled us a little, but not greatly. J. F. Billing & Son Rog. borrowed the wgg'n to go to the E. Sherwood, Morgan & P. Gulliver visited us this evening. Considerable complaints prevailed about the failure of corn planted the present season. Brown's cattle likewise broke in upon us.







June SATURDAY, JUNE 8 Rainy & warm till nearly noon. P.M. flying clouds with with fresh breeze from N.W. With assistance towards night from fr'nd Joe finished first hoeing - pretty tough it was too. Bish by rec'd 3 lambs - paid us \$5. in Maine money - I rode up with him - D.Clark carried to D.Clark 15 lbs butter at 0/9, rec'd towards it \$1 in Thayer's L.Thayer. store. L. Thayer they considered very low. We bo't of Mr Witherell 13 Sugar Bot lbs sugar for which pd in full 10-1/2 lbs & a gls brandy - this was on Friday. Sold to Dickinson pr his son Fayette 2 bhls rye at 3/6, rec'd Cash. towards it \$1. a N.Y. bank note which this eve'g I paid to Justin Martin J.Rog. dale towards his hire. John Rog. late at eve'g arrived alone from his Woodford fishing expedition - failed in success, as many have, who have ventured to that desolate Pond. I ought to have mentioned that during the A.M. on acc't of rain no out-door work was carried on - the boys were Apples. busied at the barn - myself in the app.cupboards - most of the fruit was rotten in the extreme, but had a few sound ones scattering about, which were bro't out of the cellar with the other & left to the boys of the neighborhood to pick out - the cellar being entirely cleared. Mr Parsons & E.B.Granger paid us a visit about that time & were partakers of the bounty.

SUNDAY, JUNE 9 Fair and temperate - wind N.W. Passed the day reading "Views of Society &c in America" which pleased Eng.Woman me to the life. Her remarks are more suited to the profoundest searcher of history & the statesman than to a person of her sex. Justin arrived from White Creek at eve. Mr Pierce & his friend W. Snith called here on their way from visiting the cave - staid a short time - also Mr Bliss & Smith. Mr Kent - but not on like business.

MONDAY, JUNE 10 Fair but in some part of the day pretty warm - frsh wind from N.W. - Growing season - grass doing well.

June 1822 A load of ashes, which Parsons had put up here, I drew for him to his house for his wife's use - was much pleased to hear his rough remarks on her policy in making soap to sell &c. The corn, a part of it, was ashed - wild Ashes. mustard pulled up from among the sp'g wh't - fence staked against the N. Parsons. side of the sugar place - colts looked up in the woods & bro't home, some Brandy fr work done in the garden & a bbl containing 31-3/4 gallons wid. brandy Norton's bro't home by me with stags from L.Norton's. Mother and Damia consumed Expedi'n most of the moring riding & trading - paid Mrs Selden in full for silk bo to White bonnet \$2.50 & to Pickett for shawl \$5.00 P.M. was spent by D among our Creek. Pownal friends - returned thence at eve. in the waggon with Miss E.Martin dale, J's sister, who was to tarry here over night preparatory to being car ried to W. Creek next day.

TUESDAY JUNE 11 Cloudy, muggy, very warm at night. We laid over old Walling. post & rail wall on the N. line in continuation of what we did in 1821. Mother & Damia rode with Miss Martindale to W.Creek left her at the factory there & arrived here before night. Thundered & lightened at a distance at eve. Lydia commenced making cheese.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12 Fair & quite cool p wind N.W. Business as above. Henry the A tin peddler, a Mr Henry, having pewter pots to sell, tin ped- put up here. Parsons visited us at night - said Brown had been obliged to dler. to butcher a 2 yr old steer which had one of his legs broke.

THURSDAY, JUNE 13 No rain - this article was much wanted. Work the same Traded smartly this morning with our pedlar - of whom was bo't two pewt t'pts for #3. & other small articles amounting in all to \$3.44 - of which \$2.46 was cash.







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E Fay Jr

We had borrowed Capt N's 9 quarter augur to use at boring posts for our wall - a friend E. Fay Jun came over & said that he wanted it a short time if we were willing - it being near mid-day, after boring out one post let him have it, rather than to make him wait for us to do more, but relied upon his returning it by 2 P.M. as he agreed - he knew our situation - that we could not proceed long for want of posts - we waited till some time past the hour - sent Justin after it - he was gone more than 2 hours being pestered to find friend deac. & when he found him he was unwilling to let it go - had not used it, but calculated on keeping it till Friday m'g. We thought this a singular transaction. J. bro't away the augur and we kept it till we had accomplished our business.

FRIDAY, JUNE 14

Broken

jug.

Letter to

T. Harw'd

Attica.

Cloudy - wind S. - expected rain. Continued walling. Our ladies visited uncle Sam's - broke a gallon jug marked "H.H." filled with molasses, which however they saved as only the Letter to handle were broken off - we raved awhile on the subject and let it pass for a bad bargain. This eve'g wrote most of a letter to Mrs T. Harwood of Attica, N.Y. which contained nothing important - merely mentioned health &c of this family & our neighbors. J. Johnson came to board at J. Rogers

SATURDAY, JUNE 15

Williams

the odd

boy.

Fair & extremely warm till late P.M. Ended our walling for the present. An eccentric boy named Warren staid over night here - 16 yrs of age - greatly given to reading - particularly of novels - appeared to be acquainted with poetry and some parts of history. Ev'g visited Town - sold

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Stephen

Robin'n.

English

Lady.

School

money.

19 lbs butter to Fassett on short credit at 0/9 - Spent a moment at the printing office - there saw Capt S'm Robinson with whom had some sentimental talk of reading, education &c. Bo't of Pickett 3 yds coarse cott. cloth, for which pd in full, 45". Talked awhile at Fassett's respecting the bad policy of sending missions abroad - 4th of July &c - & then rode home accompanied by Mr Kent. Read my English woman an hour or two to father - we enjoyed it well. Friend L. Norton inform'd me he had rec'd 22 dol's school money for our District. Paid to Mrs Gulliver, on the 14", tow'd work \$1.00

SUNDAY, JUNE 16

Female

Preacher.

Cyclop'd

Very warm till 2 or 3 P.M. - the wind blew by jerks from N.W. - became pretty cool - flying cl'ds - dry. My Eng. Woman principally occupied my attention - a fine work - sentimental - sympathetic - r'wly republican. Many of our towns' people went to White Creek to hear the female preacher. L. Sherwood came to me while I sat reading under an apple tree in C's orchard, borrowed a horse to ride home (obliged him with one). J. Doty made application in the same way, offering 50" for the same to go to W. Creek, but J. Rogers being then absent riding with Mrs Godfrey, & mother intending to ride to meeting P.M. - refused him. Sherw'd applied after Jon's return. Eve'g visited Dr S's office - read a p't of Dr Rees's preface to his Cyclopaedia - in which he says he has spent 20 yrs of his life in compiling it.

MONDAY, JUNE 17

Thunder.

Rain.

Dry & warm mid-day. P.M. thundered - every appearance indicated an immediate shower, but it wore round another way & we only had a slight rain, perhaps an hour long. We hoed potatoes 1st time - major p't app'd well - Mr Kent assisted. Mrs Bliss & Mrs Waters visited here. Erastus with hands ~~ask'd~~ wkd at the kiln. Edwin Robinson came again to w'k for us. Pierce rec'd 25" for a job on his lime







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M.Smith

TUESDAY, JUNE 18 Black flying clouds with very faint short showers during P.M. - some part of the day cool. Till nearly noon we hoed with Mr Kent in his garden which we compleated. P.M. in our own field - Mr K. in company. Mr Medad Smith of Wilmington called to buy wheat - had none to spare. He's a brother of Mrs Street.

Cold  
Kent.  
Soap.

E.Mont.  
lime kiln

Cash

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19 Quite too cool this morning for comfort - rather too cool thr' the day - chilly at night. We finished 2d hoeing by mid P.M. Kent assisted. After this I went with Mrs Parsons to Algiers to carry 2 bbls soap - Between Brown's & Dr S's one of the casks sprang a leak & spilled out about half its contents - however, by means of another borrowed at Waters' - saved the remainder & landed it safely at the factory - conveyed Johnson to his mother's - he returned home with us Rec'd pr Uncle S. Robinson whom with his friend Mr L. Selden worked for the lime kiln man at the lime-kiln, two dollars of E. Montague towards board &c. had in Ap. last. (It was not correct to say \$2. rec'd of M. - it was a \$1 bill and a Napoleon - 94 cents - coined in 1808).

Rain.  
Frost's  
Bliss.

Wood.

THURSDAY, JUNE 20 Chilly, S. wind - cloudy - rained some - in the morn'g threatened hard till towards sundown when it really showered plentifully. Visited Frost's & had pl. sh'r sharpened. Mr Bliss blew & struck for F. whose boy was on his way from Albany. Bo't of F. Black'r 1/2 lb tea - pd 35-1/2" - passed the French piece to him for the value mentioned above - Returned to F's - tsld of news & other topics with Mr B - then rode home, with old Mr Clark - rec'd newspaper of him - read it a few mom'ts - had in it late letter of T. Jefferson about old affairs. Main business plow'g orchard. Justin & Edwin finished chopping wood.

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Visit at  
Houses'.

FRIDAY, JUNE 21st Fair & pretty temperate - rather cool - Pursued business as above. Erastus' business was carried on by S. Rob'n, M L Selden & J. Doty. Mrs Gulliver paid our ladies a partial visit. Mrs Rog's & our girls visited at House's. Adaline had mumps. Late Thursday eve'g heard some thunder - was light'g from a distance.

Limekiln

SATURDAY, JUNE 22 Fine & cool - w. N. Same work ag'n - endeavored to get time to attend school meeting called to see how our money mentioned P.256 should be disposed of, but could not. Montague had uncle S. Rob., M.L. Seld'n & Justin to assist at the kiln - came down himself at night with others to pursue the burning.

Bible.

Cyclope-  
dia.

SUNDAY, JUNE 23 Fair & warm - wind N. Read several Chapters of Exodus concerning Moses & Aaron, Pharaoh & the plagues of Egypt &c. Latter pt of the day spent two or three hours looking at the Cyclopoedia - Lem & Boweh were present a short time previous to my departure. Erastus drove at his kiln.

Orchard  
plowed.

Limekiln  
Death of  
J. Hins-  
dill.

MONDAY, JUNE 24 Thundered in the morning - before noon had a fine rain - P.M. flying clds. Finished plowing the orch'd P.M. - a part of that time Justin worked for Montague whose business was driven a-pace. Bisby rec'd the remnant of his lambs - promised the cash in a few days - secured us with a note of \$10 - signed over by J. Hicks Jr Eve'g read Cyclopoedia - two or three Biographical articles. Uncle S. Rob & M L Selden were the main hands at the kiln. Died early this m'g Mr Jos Hinsdill - aged - had a consumption. A very useful, industrious citizen - respected by every one - by good management & honest means acquired a handsome property.







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TUESDAY, JUNE 25

Sound weath'r, tho' signs of rain app'd - Visited

H. Hall.

Frost's

Cash of

Fassett.

Marched.

Brown.

Limekiln

Bliss.

Frost's - had horse sh'd there. Returned E's Geology

to Hall - looked at his books in which read a little - went back to Fr's - horse not compleated - sat down in Greenwoods's shop - took a foolish burlesque on the Demo. Administration - called Life &c of My Uncle Sam - went back to F's - had waggon tinkered some - heard A. Robinson pun it a little - rode off to mill - rec'd grist there - came back to the court house - called at the printing office - looked at books - crossed over to Fassett's - rec'd of F. \$2.37" in full for butter sold to him on the 15" J T Robinson wanted to buy cheese - told we had it on hand, but dared not to engage it to him.. At Pickett's paid 70 cents for goods (gall molasses, 1 lb pearlash) - at F. Blackmer rec'd & pd for the tea at 7-1/2" - Returned home & joined our folks in pulling parsnips, & tow'd night mending Brown's fence between his & Gen Robinson's woods. Uncle Sam & Selden kept the kiln hot - the former went home at night - the latter assisted by Erastus & J. Doty watched it through the night. Read myself a few lines in Popes' "Initiations" of Horace which are very pretty - wrote till late & went to bed - could not stay to relate how friend Selden stood at the door just as he was going to return to the kiln, sometime, with jug & pail in hand, talking of McDonough & his brave associates in arms. Mr Bliss visited us at noon - rode down with me - lively - full of stories.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26

Considerably warm, flying clds - we were uncertain what kind of business to pursue, but finally con-

Garden

fence.

cluded to remove the half wall N. side of the garden to the E. side of lane

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Board  
fence.Lime-  
kiln.

a few rods this side the corner of P's garden - to erect in its stead board fence - prepared posts for the same - P.M. Justin who in consequence of having been ailing all night had to repose himself an hour or two A.M. assisted at drawing away old wall - Edwin was with us - Father & mother rode over E. & to Pick's. At night the limekiln blew out - present S. Robinson, T.C.P., J.F. Billing, M.L. Seld. J. Rog. & John Doty 2d. Uncle S. killed a calf dor us which weighed in the aggregate 70-1/4 lbs - 4 wks old

THURSDAY, JUNE 27

Dry &amp; cool, flying clds from N.W. Business like that commenced P.M. of 26 - had Brown's cart &amp; oxen half a

Brown's  
oxen.

Lists

given in.

day. P.M. fztter attended the funeral of Mr J. Hinsdill, which was large - sermon by Elder Matteson. Our ladies, except Damia who was at the funer'l visited Mrs Parsons. Made up our Lists - viz - 100 acres improved land - 1 dwelling - 14 cows 3 three yr old, 5 two yr olds, 3 yearling do Cattle, 1 working horse, 1 two yr old & 1 yearling do. Only gave in my poll which by law is exempt - J. Rogers' I made out - 1 poll, 1 dwelling and a horse, which was ours but furnished to him to ride in cavalry and therefore by law exempt from taxes.

FRIDAY, JUNE 28

Pretty warm - dry - wanted rain - Manned Brown's &amp; our own team - finished business commenced on Friday -

J. Rogers drew 3 lds of boards - 758 ft from Thayer's which we rec'd at 80" pr hund - spruce - 600 ft pine from Noble's & 400 do another kind. In town I sold 27-1/2 lbs cheese to J.T. Robinson for which I expected to receive pay at the rate of 0)/6 pr lb but he paid me only \$2.20 - an oversight in me occasioned it. Bo't of Pickett 7 lbs nails - paid down 70".







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Petersburgh visit.  
Bible.  
Rosenb'g leg broken.  
Hog-pen moved.  
Letters.

SATURDAY, JUNE 29 Hot parching sun - we nearly compleated the erection of board fence N.side of the garden by hard work.  
Lydia & Damia rode off at noon to Petersburg. Little Anna Robinson was carried home this morning from this place sick.

SUNDAY, JUNE 30 Hot with flying cl'ds - wd S. - expected rain till past noon. Read some in the Bible resoecting the Jews when they left Egypt under Moses & Aaron - Examined Pope in his satires & Duncicel - from the latter derived but little information - ended the day at Dr Swift's office looking in Rees' Cyclopedia - principally concerning Prior & Pope, of whom the former was born, I think, in 1664, of low parentage or not great, lived if I rightly recollect till 1723. Late Saturday eve'g a Pow'l man with others returning from neighbor Spencer's homeward having S's child aboard being upset in a l h.wag had a leg badly broken - Dr's N. & H.Swift set it - Mr Peter Fosburgh was one of the party - badly hurt but nothing of a very serious nature - the gentleman first named was carried into Parsons' where the operation was performed - his name was Jacob Rosenburg. Mr Kent bro't here a young cow which he had bo't of the Rudd's with the calf 5 wks old which, he was shortly to return - wanted we should pasture her for him.

MONDAY, JULY 1st Hot indeed - there was a thund'r show'r P.M. - main p't of which went to the E. or N.E. With assistance from Mr Kent removed hog-pen up to the south side of the b..k..h... Teams drew lime to the furnace. Lydia & Damia arr'd from Peters'g. Letters were rec'd from cousin Ruth, Catherine &

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Ruth.  
Lime-kiln.  
Rain.  
Lym.  
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H. Kellog  
Pickett  
J T Rob'n  
W.Eldred.

Charlotte - the former enclosed A.David's note of May 1 1816 - mention her having a son 4 months old - the latter, I mean Charl'te mentioned Catherine being in some preparation to be mar'd. Uncle S.Rob. & Sam. Godfrey worked at limekiln.

TUESDAY, JULY 2d Very warm, cloudy - at night there was a long & most noble rain. Our work consisted altogether of patch'wk to reder compleat what was already done. At night read a little in the Scottish Chiefs for Justin, but to no great advantage. Uncle S.Robinson & S.Godfrey operated at the kilns from which several loads of lime were drawn

WEDNESDAY, JULY 3d Rained poerfully all night & till sometime this morning - fine indeed - vegetation flourished masterly in consequence thereof - continued cloudy & a little shower through the day. Affairs at the barn were regulated - a platform laid the N. side the hogpen by Lym Sherwood & me - road worked near Parsons' and below our house, as well as mending or finishing fence already built. Between 3 & 4 P.M. rode to town - talked with Kellogg concerning an old French book published in 1742 which had some remarks on the cause of showers of stones which sometimes fall in various parts of the world. At Merrill & R's office saw J.H. Olin Esq who came to consult respecting the celebration at Draper's, Shafts bury about which there seemed something squally which I have not time now to explain. Bo't at Pickett's 2-1/2 yds oilcloth & a scythe - the latter property at \$1 on cr't - paid on book in money \$2.00 Got the paper at Clark's - Cush'n was removing his stabling - Visited J T Robinson's new brick house - saw Wm Eldred. Returned home just sundown. Lym Sherwood this day paid us a good visit.







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THURSDAY, JULY 4 Hot & fair - but little air stirring - My father & I rode down to the ground on which Bennington battle was fought - but could know but little of the exact situation of the contending parties for want of a proper person to point it out to us. So much is pretty certain that the Hessians were posted on the hill against the lower ford about 4 miles N.E. Hoosick falls, and I should judge nearly 1-1/2 miles as the road goes from the State boundary - here was the first rencounter - and on a plain between 1 & 2 miles below in a S.W. direction was the 2nd, where the reinforcement came up which was beaten & driven off without their artillery &c as related in our histories. Along this road it is very destitute of shades - therefore had no stopping place for our horse, otherwise we should have halted to survey the memorable ground - pursued our way to the brick-factory where we crossed the Walloosack on a good bridge - took the road leading to the falls over a steep hill - came to cross-roads - turned to the left & came up by some twists & turns to Capt Lem Sherwoods' & there put out to tarry awhile - In the course of our route this far we had seen many extensive fields of Eng. grain, Ind. corn potatoes &c, great part of the corn app'd backward - a few pieces were very fine - farmers were many of them hoeing - some had begun haying. We made a most agreeable visit at Mr Sherwood's - he went with us a mile or more around the hill N. of his house to take a view of the battle ground which lay to the N.W. - several particulars of that day were talked over. On returning to the house had a delightful view of his excellent farm, cattle & horses - their dairy consisted of 21 cows - had made 46 large cheeses which would weigh 50 lbs a piece. In the new part of the house almost every convenience for the dairy business was found - all appeared cheerful & industrious. Lyman & the man were mowing

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1822 Late in the day came home by way of Mr Vails - found the celebrationists who had been to Shaftsbury marching & firing the cannon. At Shaftsbury there was a regular celebration which we chose not to attend.

FRIDAY, JULY 5 Hot indeed. The potatoes were hoed - Father thought Justin felt the celebration in his bones, but I believe it was a mistake.

SATURDAY, JULY 6 Continued very warm indeed - cloudy & sprinkled some rain here early P.M. - distant thunder - we hoed corn Our corn grew finely - prospect very good.

Wheeler  
&  
Eldred.

SUNDAY, JULY 7 Pretty warm - cloudy - wd S.W. Corn never grew more rapidly. My reading was fugitive. Some in the Eng. Read'r some in the view of the different demonstrations of Christians - geography &c. Walked in the cow pasture, past mid-day, which I thought produced finely - took a nap under a birch tree where I salted the flock - the tree belongs to a certain row running from E. to W. Towards night was visit'd by my friends G. Wheeler and Wm Eldred. Justin watched in my stead at Parsons' with the broken boned man. Dama had mumps.

J. Rog's  
Damia.  
Sherw'd &  
Johnson.

MONDAY, JULY 8 Very warm - rainy in the eve'g - wind full from S.W. had a short shower at night - heavy thunder at the N. Until noon were busy collecting materials for building a large shanty for waggons, carts &c. P.M. finished hoeing corn - & it could not look finer. J. Rog's bro't a load of stuff from Nobles, of which he built & nearly completed a hog sty. Damia rec'd a visit from Dr Swift. Lem & Fred both viewed & talked with her. Edwin Rob. here this day.







Hoeing TUESDAY, JULY 9 Rather cool - wind N.W. warm mid-day. Our whole force  
for Kent. was employed hoeing Kent's garden A.M. P.M. we enter-  
tained cousins from Williamstown & Dr A. Porter & lady, son Alanson Jun and  
Dr A. daughters Lucy & Delia & Elizabeth Dewey - all of them very sociable &  
Porter pretty - their visit was amost pleasing one. Left us 3 P.M.

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1822 Porter informed us that her mother died in the western part of N.Y. State  
Oct. 1821. Aged 69 years. The latter part of her dzys were very miserable  
Death of indeed being deprived of the use of all one side of her body & limbs by a  
Mrs Stark paralytic shock. Ever since Mrs P. knew of it, she had been anxious to vis-  
it my mother - as on that account she seemed more closely allied to her  
than ever. Her, Mrs P's, heslth was not the best - not so cheerfull as fr  
formerly - more corpulent & dropsical in appearance - nearly in her 46th  
year.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 10 Very oppressive heat through the day - hard thunder  
showers followed during the night. Borrowed Brown's  
Old Olin oxen - went to Olin & Colvin's sawmill to get a load of lumber - found Mr  
& Colvin C. at home writing acc'ts - showed me an old Sermon book by Scaller -  
printed in 1629, at London, I think. On personal or private acc't with him  
he was indebted to us tow'd brandy - 1820 - \$2.28. After looking out my  
stuff, which didn't much suit me, dined with him - a man was there also who  
had been to the furnace & lost his pocket-book - was on his way back to  
look it up - the folks knew him - I didn't - talked of Wallace & Thayers  
business - mentioned some circumstances respecting W's claiming young Aus-  
tins sheep - they were driven from or through his pasture - was a witness  
at the trial - complained now of ill health - middle sized, black hair &  
beard - pale complexion. Looked over company acc'ts & found ourselves in-  
debted about \$2.00. Loaded up a kind of medley parcel of lumber, measur-  
ing in b'd measure 490 ft at 60" pr hund. amt'g to \$2.90 - leaving due him  
66" payable in brandy - arrived past 3 P.M. with my lumber - unloaded &  
stuck it up. Father had caused haying to be commenced. At night watched  
Rosen- with Mr Rosenberg - pleased him by playing the flute for him - Read news-  
burg. papers & other things - but without much benefit, being too drowsy.

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1822 THURSDAY, JULY 11 Warm, cloudy - wd S.W. P.M. showery - thundered some.  
Haying was our main employ, but that was moderate. Fath-  
er went away P.M. to serve as Juror in the cause between J. Hicks Jun &  
Hicks & Smith law Wm Smith - about a mare which the latter lost a few weeks since through a  
suit. certain management of the former with his stud. It was decided in favor  
of the latter - \$26. - We, with assistance from J. Rog. raked & cocked most  
Haying. of our hay - what followed was of little consequence. DR Swift, Lem & F.  
Cows to Johnson visited Damia - Agreed to take in Mr Gulliver's cows - at 1/0 pr  
pasture. head pr week - to begin on the 12th.

FRIDAY, JULY 12 Rained till nearly noon - it was a great rain - raised  
the streams very considerably - held cloudy & warm till  
the end of the day. The hay which we had out was below Rog's and about the  
barn - in all ab't 2 tons - not injured much. A.M. our business was con-  
fined mostly within doors - P.M. some mowing was performed by Justin. I  
went to the cording machine & to mill - carried 16 lbs wool - transported  
F. Johnson to Thayers' - returned to town - got mare shod at Frosts' - vis-  
ited Pickett's & the printing O. at the latter place saw Col M & Stephen  
Robinson - they talked opposition to giving Congress power to appropriate  
money to internal improv't - such as building roads, canals &c. Mr Clark  
gave me an old catalogue (1818) of books sold or to be sold at a bookstore







in Hartford, C't. Took in G's cows as agreed upon - Parsons' with them. Received this day of Cyrus Bibee in full for lambs two five dollar bills on of which was on Schuylkill bank, Pa. Said he tho't he should pay in addition to the contract \$1 when money was more plenty with him - Paid S. Pickett in Rhode Is'd money five dollars - Damia's mumps were high - had a large fever all day. At F.Blackmer's bo't 1 lb coffee for 2/0 to be pd next day - play flute some. Dan Case here.

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SATURDAY, JULY 13 Rather muggy - thin clouds - Rained a very slight quantity - hardly more than enough to occasion a rainbow at night. A.M. wharfed horse stable & barn doors - Mr Kent did a few choars for us - P.M. he had oxen to draw some stuff to build him a cow yard - We opened, dried & got in the hay mentioned on Friday. Rec'd of Parsons in advance for keeping his cow at 1/0 pr wk one dollar in Troy money. J.Rogers & lady. J.Rog's roade abroad with his lady - Mrs Dewey, consort of P.D. with her daughter Phiany visited here this m'g.

SUNDAY, JULY 14 Warm - flying clouds - Mostly employed in reading Cyclopedia Charles 1st & 2d of England, clarke who married Colley Cibber's daughter - 1st player on the Violin - Christians - Ch Religion (a few lines) and Christian 2d of Denmark - accompanied at the office by F. Johnson - he bro bro't down the N. in which I read - so had it till bed time.

MONDAY, JULY 15 Scuddy light showers made up great part of the weather tho' it rained but little in this place. Commenced Harvest. harvesting rye - cut it all down - bound & set up the greatest part of it & it was a fine yield apparently - Kent & J.Rogers assisted - Edwin was Blackmer. with us. Paid F.Blackmer per Edwin R. 50 wents for coffee rec'd on Fri- Kent & day and a corn broom pr E. Died this day at about 12 at noon Mrs Polly Rogers. Robinson - widow of the late Jonathan R. Esq - aged not far from 67 - Her Death Mrs illness was of but short duration - having been confined only since Thurs- Robinson. day the 11th.

TUESDAY, JULY 16th Mainly fair, but there were showers to the N. & W. & W. with thunder. A large parcel of rye was cradled by Kent & Kent & Rogers & nearly all stooked up - L.Hill visited us, dined here half Rogers. blue. Mr John Crawford died this day - aged years.

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It was on the same day, 15<sup>th</sup>, that Mrs Robinson & Mr Crawford died.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 17 Good weath'r - flying clds - Finished harvest rye compleat except drawing in - Kent & Rogers on the ground. Father attended the funeral of Mrs Rob. J.E. her eldest son was present. Cash. Near night E.Montague (who paid me a dollar) accompanied by uncle Sam. Limekiln came up to see about burning another limekiln. Father helped us at the last cast

THURSDAY, JULY 18 Warm with clds & signs of rain till past noon when they vanished. Mowing was conducted in the litt. meadow - Kent. chiefly by Kent & Justin assisted some by me & 2 or 3 hours by Jonathan, Rogers. P.M. The A.M. & some part of the P.M. he was absent buying for us a scythe, snath & patent fork - the first 6/6, 2d 4/6, 3d 3/0 - all 14/0 - p'd in full - ground his scythe & came home bringing Damia with him from Waters' where she had made a sh't vis. Ev'g read Bigland on Scottish hi history under Bruce & Balial. Justin Martindale rec'd of us 75" in specie which he carried to F.Blackmer's & bo't a new snath for himself.







FRIDAY, JULY 19 Extremely warm indeed - a warm night followed. Not a great deal done at mowing - Justin laid a piece in the N. mead. Took care of the hay we had in the litt mead. - had all drawn in that was cut - J. Rogers assisted only P.M. Mr Kent left us on Thursday eve'g expecting not to return till Monday m'g. Mr Bliss passed us awhile at work - told news & stories as usual.

SATURDAY, JULY 20 The heat was great, but mitigated by cooling breezes from the S. Mr Jacob Rosenburgh was removed from Parsons' to his residence in Pownal - I was of the party, which mostly consisted of men of his neighborhood & others of Pow'l till arrived at the meeting house

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where they halted to rest. The men was conveyed on an establishm't in the form of a bier, contrived so that 8 men could carry at the same time, at arms length, but my opinion is that 4 could have done it easier had they carried on their shoulders. Col Brownell had the chief direction. Just as they were ab't to set him down I saw Bing. Hill & lady in a 1 h wg bound N. - engaged a passage of them & after they had called a few moment at A. Squires' (tavern) came on my way sociably to capt. Norton's a little past noon. Called on friend Luman - talked with him concerning the Edin burg Encyclopedia which he app'd to have a notion of purchasing. P.M. helped get up hay with Father & Justin had cut in the N. & S. meadows - Weighing. 1-1/2 tons - had a short time to rest & read at night. Was weighed among others of our family friends and the result was that my flesh & bones came up no higher than lbs 136  $\frac{3}{4}$  Sally 118 - Damie 115 - Cath Rog 114 - J. Rog 128 - F. Johnson 131 - Edwin Rob. 65 - Delia Waters 74 - Adeline Har'd 44 -

SUNDAY, JULY 21 Had rained in the night - rendering the air more cool in the A.M. - but P.M. was ab't as warm as usual - fly'g clds - Pretty busy with books - had time to look to cattle & sheep. Opposit'n ended the day at Dr S's office - highly pleased reading some Biographical Newspaper articles. We heard of an opposition newspaper being in agitation.

MONDAY, JULY 22d Pleasant & not so very warm as it had been of late. J. Rogers. Haying went on the S. meadow - J. Rog. & Justin performed most of the morning - got in all that was mown. F. Johnson rode out with Damia at night. The lime-kiln folks came on to collect materials for burning another kiln - S. Robinson, G. Wheeler, Wm Eldred, dined here - Death of the same persons with the addition of J. Brooks supped with us. Edwin Rob Mrs Hinsdill. inson returned to us from his father's. Died in the N.W. part of this town on Thursday night at 12 o'clock Old Mrs Hinsdill the mother of the departed J. Hinsdill - aged

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TUESDAY, JULY 23 Tolerably warm - flying clds - lightened at night. Business was regularly advanced in the S. mead  $\frac{3}{4}$  - Rog on all day - Kent late in the morning - had to shave after breakfast - wounded his litt dog badly with his scythe as he was mowing, unintentionally. Parsons visited here at night - had been to visit Rosenburgh who was doing better - informed that Dr Swift was carrying about a paper for signers to the new paper about being established here.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 24 S.W. wind bro't on rainy weather - a light shower visited us in such manner as to catch out about 16 or 17 wgt of our hay in the W. pt of the S. meadow. Rain hindered so that full days works were not performed by our hands, of whom Kent & Rogers were two A handsome piece was laid bounded W. by the lane & N. by the dry-brook







ditch in part. Jon with the bullocks drew in several loads of hay with great spirit previous to its raining - Parsons' who was at work in J's shop - & J. Hand assisted at making hay - the former worked in the shop for Rogers. Visited town in the eve'g and found them very unhappy on account of the new projected paper.

Kent & Rogers. THURSDAY, JULY 25 Very showery & wet most of the day. Between showers mowing was done to considerable amount. Kent & Rogers on the ground, but were hindered by rain. P.M. went ab't the farm to see that the fences were in tune - found some bad places which I restored to thie wonted position. Visited L. Norton with whom as usual talked of books &c. Reynolds Carpenter called - L. enquired earnestly as to the success of the subscription for the new publication - did not distinctly hear the reply. Old Mr Martindale came to buy ware - Brown, Temple of Woof'd & H. Potter were there - A negro man sold a few whortle berries - Calf took his pay in ware. Uncle S. Robinson carried on limekiln - butchered a calf for us - Borrowed of L.N. The Life of O.H. Perryn

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July 1822 FRIDAY, JULY 26 Cold morning - held cool all day - cold ev'g - but fine hay day. Drove haying in the upper part of the S. Meadow - Our lime folks were on the ground - Erastus visited his men. Kent & Rogers were our main hands at work.

Kent & Rogers. SATURDAY, JULY 27 Temperate - wind S. - signs of storm. Pursued haying in the S meadow - Kent & Rogers in the business. Jon closed his day by drawing in a large ld of rye - Had now deposited in the barn since the first of haying - ab't 21 tons hay. Ev'g read a spirited account, in the Life of Perry, of the feats of our naval heroes in the Medd war - 1804-5 - Mrs Dickenson sent her son Fayette here & rec'd 1-1/2 bbls rye at 3/6 - paid down 3/0 - promised the remainder next week.

Ab Brown SUNDAY, JULY 28 Cloudy - some thundr - had a short shower towards night. As soon as circumstances permitted attended at Dr S's office with his books chiefly reading of Scotl'd - F. Morg. & F. Johnson were my companions a part of the time - 2 P.M. they rode off to Thayers' to visit Lyman S. Brown borrowed horse & wag'n of us to send to Pownal for his girl - Spencer performed the business, having wife & child'x with him. Old Aunt Buck & Mrs Duncan called here to get shelter from the shower, on their return from Hoosick - the latter said her sister Annis Stone was actually married. Saff'd Robinson & E. Montague visited this quarter late P.M. Ev'g I read in Life of Perry an animated acc't of his victory on L. Erie, Sept 10 1813

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MONDAY, JULY 29 Very fine & clear - cool - wind NW or NE - Haying progressed well - a number of loads of rye were drawn in by Justin & Jonathan. Uncle Sam & his part of Erastus' hands were employed at burning lime - Burt & Lyon drew wood from the E. for the kiln - our grain was unusually mangled by squirrels - they were remarkably plenty. Kent & Rogers both here this day.

TUESDAY, JULY 30 Some flying clouds - warm, good weather - Mowing went forward well - got in all our rye, of which there was 2193 shieves - also all the hay cut A.M. - Kent & Rogers as heretofore - Jon. Rogers had on Montague's oxen with ours P.M. At night took in grist of rye for Parsons to carry to mill - visited printing off - saw a M. York printer, publisher of the N.Y. Statesman - Clark agreed to exchange with them - paid in hand \$2.00 difference - it would be sent on next week -







Bargained for the same at \$3. pr ann'm - Talked respecting the new press to be established &c Went to the mill - carried two calf skins to Mr Ballard, one of which was a green one very large - taken from a veal 4 wks old which weighed about 100 lbs - the other was dry & much less in size - told them to mark the skins "B.H." - came round by the Atwood place to Capt N.'s - bro't home Johnson & Damia - Lime business going on warmly.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 31 Good hay weath'r as ever blew - Finished getting hay in the S. meadow. Began to cut sp'g wh't - Mr Kent & J. Rogers were again on the carpet.

THURSDAY, AUG. 1st Fine & warm - Haying went on in the N. meadow - Father & I reap'd good sp'g wh't - a large l'd of which was Kent & R. got in. Kent & Rog. both here. They finished burning lime.

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This morning I bro't from V.D. Speigles a load of wood for uncle Sam. - it was dry, 4 feet in length, and more. He used it to burn lime with

FRIDAY, AUG. 2 Fine & very warm indeed - proceeded in haying, & gradually harvesting spring wheat, which turned out beyond our expectation. Kent & Rogers on the ground as usual.

SATURDAY, AUG 3 Most extremely hot - wind S.W. - signs of rain. Business progressed much as it had done - Had got in hay in full am't to about 35 tons & rather over 400 shieves sp'g wh't - finished this day's w'k in time for the boys to go swimming. Jon. was sick after it. F. Johnson bro't me the acc't of Scotland in the Cyclopedia to read over Sunday. The heat was very oppressive, sensibly felt by all - Kent & Rogers again in our service. Very growing season - Mrs Dickinson did not pay cash, but otherwise arranged business respecting what is set down p. 271.

SUNDAY, AUG. 4 Cloudy - wind S.W. which bro't on ab't noon a very smart shower attended with thund'r - another succeeded but less violent - from appearance I should have guessed that they must have had a great shower at the N. Was very agreeably employed in read'g the history of Scotland in the Cyclopedia - besides looked in Perry's Life - concerning our great Lakes - Uncle S. Robinson & friend E. Montague came to examine limekiln - reported not a very bright burn.

MONDAY, AUG. 5 Fine & cool - wind getting from N. Rogers went to W. Smith's to work for him - employed Kent, & we permitted Justin in our name to be of the party - at night they returned with a large l'd of hay which he rec'd of S. to feed his cow with the ensuing winter. J. Hand went down at noon with the team & assisted there.







Lym.Sherwood. For our part we moderately labored at harvesting sp'g wheat - Mr L.Sherwood Sen bro't Lyman with him who wanted to be boarder awhile, & he was admitted as such. While his father & mine retired to the house, he stuck by me, reaping 'till noon. Ev'g Lem Jun & F.Morgan visited here twice.

TUESDAY, AUG 6 Cold m'g - fair & cool all day - Clear'd the N.meadow of hay - got a light l'd from the litt.mesdow & finished reaping & binding it. Lyman assisted in getting up the last l'd of hay haying. J.Rog. worked for W.Smith

J.Rogers. WEDNESDAY, Aug. 7 Signs of rain - rather cool, wd S.W. At the upper end of the field, S. of Rog. house harvested oats - Jon & Justin cradled, Father & I raked & bound - a l'd of wheat, all that remained out, was drawn in. Justin's two sisters came here & at night he accompanied them in a l h. wag. to his brother's in Pow'l.

THURSDAY, AUG 8 Cold m'g - pretty warm day - fair. Finished cutting oats which with us turned out lightly indeed. J.Rog. L.Sherw'd sick - Lyman Sherwood worked all day cradling for us. Died at 1 o'clock Death of P.M. Lyman Thayer - a youth of 22. 11 A.M. Parsons came to assist about Lyman the oats, but after dinner Z.Hovey sent for him with whom he went to Pown'l Thayer.

L.Sherwood FRIDAY, AUG. 9 Pleas't - pretty warm. Finished in the E. or lower part of the litt.meadow the important part of our haying - L.Sherwood assisted - so did J.Rog. P.M. moderately, having been quite down - Lyman visited his Debating Society to see how the new Constitution, to which he was strongly opposed, would succeed.

Haying. SATURDAY, AUG. 10 Pleasant & dry. About wound up hay'g by cutting the swale in Tracy field - assisted by H.Dimmick who accidentally came along & took father's scythe from him, as he was quite unwell

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1822 P.M. took repose - read Perry's Life - Late went to town, but saw nothing worthy of note - returned Hubbell's Lady's View of America &c. Sherwood Quantity accompanied me. L.Thayer's funeral was this day att'd. Had about as much of hay. hay as usual - say 39 tons.

SUNDAY, AUG. 11 Very warm - some smoky & cloudy - some air stirring. Spent the day, much as usual, reading different sorts of Montague. books. Uncle S.Robinson & E.Montague called on us - the latter informed me that he would pay us some cash ere long.

MONDAY, AUG. 12 Most extremely warm - a little smk'y. Drew in our oats which were very light this season. Uncle S.Rob. & W. Lime. Eldred took lime out of Montague's kiln - several l'ds were drawn away. PM we pulled flax.

Rain. (SATURDAY) AUG 13 (TUESDAY) Cloudy - expected considerable rain - not very warm - wd N.W. - rained a very short shower at noon. Finished pulling flax, which covered about 3/4 acre, short, thin, well seeded, grew toward the upper part of the field S. of J.Rogers' - Oats to Blackmer the N. & S. of it - Visited town with father & bo't of S.Blackmer a full E.Robinson. bound Hogsh'd, on 3 moths cred't, for \$2.50. Our boy, Edwin Robinson, who had played his part very well, took leave of us for home.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 14 Cloudy, wd S - very warm midday - Father & I rode in the l h.wag to Williamstown to visit the Smedley's - found them in usual health - engaged about haying - the ladies had pretty good dairies - at L's they had 18 & at E's 11 cows - On the road I was taken ill







got there about noon - took to the bed from which did not rise for more than hour. Levi Jun'r who was rather out of health, talked with us - Passed away the P.M. very agreeably.

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THURSDAY, AUG. 15 Thundered & rained moderately early in the day - very slight shower at noon - otherwise, flying clds, wd N.W. After visiting Professor Dewey & lady, seeing curiosities in and about the college, & looking at his library, we took leave of Wm'stown & arrived here a little before sundown. Justin 14" & 15" worked for J.Rog. getting up wood to his door. It was drier in WM'stown than in Bennington.

Ball.

FRIDAY, AUG. 16 Fine & warm. P.M. we repaired fence round the outer side of the farm next Brown's & Norton's. P.M. Father accompanied by Mr L.Sherwood went to town where they ran horses. I read Cyclopedia at Dr S's office. A small celebration took place i was told in Algiers. A sort of Hoosick & Bennington ball was attended on the night of the 15th at Hicks'.

Pickett.

Mrs Dick-  
inson

H.Dimick

Blackmer.  
Montague.

SATURDAY, AUG. 17 Continued fine & warm. Plagued some by neighbors creatures getting into cow pastures. Had business in town getting chains, harness &c mended at Frost's & Hick's. Bo't of Pickett 1 lb tea at 69" - paid \$1.69 - the dollar he credited. At the Safford mill got Mrs Dickinsons grist ground - came home past 2 o'clock - fzther & mother then took Jenny & the wag - rode to uncle S.Robinson's & paid them a short visit. My health was rather poor - had a short nap - pitched up hay off the barn floor assisted by L.Sherwood Jun. A little before eve'g carried to Mrs Dickinson her grist - informed Capt N's folks respect their horses which they engaged to take care of in future - on my way home met H.Dimmick who informed me that he had assisted Dr S to finish off haying compleatly. Brown had half the F. meadow yet to mow - Justin harrowed fallow ground. Frank'l Blackmer informed me that by order of E.Montague he would pay me three dollars in money - accepted of the hh'd as a part of it - bo't 1 g.molasses at 46", which left due me only 4 cents.

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Eels.

SUNDAY, AUG. 18 Temperate - some broken clouds, signs of rain. Health rather impaired - read the Bible & other books as usual. L.Hill & lady visited here & had 1 qt brandy. B.Loomis visited us in the eve'g. Lyman & Justin went eeling on Sat. night - had fine success - slept this day to make up lost time.

Thunder  
& rain.

Wheat.

Prosper

Armstrong

MONDAY, AUG 19 Rained & thundered heavily A.M. P.M. cloudy, but no rain of any am't. Sixty shieves of our Morgan Sp w'ht was threshed, yielding 2 bhls & nearly 20 qts grain. P.M. a horse team harrowed in the y'g orchard. Justin before night left the field on acc't of sickness - father supplied his place. In the morning I visited at Brown awhile - saw H.Kinsley laying out a map for Miss Sarah Knapp to work upon. We received Mr Armstrong as boader this evening.

Haying fr  
Brown.  
Death of  
Hinsdill.

TUESDAY, AUG. 20 Warm & cloudy - fine cool breeze N.W. P.M. Justin was put to ploughing with horses all day - father harrowed A.M. P.M. when I had ret'd from mill raked hay at Mr Brown's in his Fay meadow - present, Brown, Spencer, Keht, H.Kinsley, Bates, Hector, Gulliver, Thomas Slicer (boy). Died this morning in Shaftsbury Mr Norman Hinsdill aged 40 - of short illness.

WEDNESDAY, Aug. 21 There were great appearances of rain at noon - thundered - but only a faint sprinkling came here - not extremely warm - faired away at night. Justin follows his plough - Our







Wagon business was erecting or preparing to erect a waggon shanty.  
house.

THURSDAY, AUG. 22 Fine, excepting clouds & a spatter'g of rain. Same employment nearly for all hands - completed our roof.

Goodale Mr Gooale arrived in poor health - but gaining - from Whitehall -

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FRIDAY, AUG 23 Fine - cool, some fly'g clds low which hung lazily on the top of the mountains, More improvement is made about the house & the new building - cart mended at Frost's - 2 lbs nails bo't of F. Blackmer & paid for at 9-1/2" - P.M. flax got in at 2 loads - had a little time to visit with Mr Goodale who after supper left us for Montague at the Col. Sam house. A Connecticut dry goods pedler, having books, Isaac Hotchkiss &c., tarried with us. Justin followed his plough. While at Blackmer's saw a curious piece of casting intended for their works at the furnace - a large cog-wheel which it was said weighed a ton. Died suddenly this Mrs Carpenter, amiable consort of Mr Reynolds C - aged 31 years. In another place I may add more particulars. An infant female this day was born at Brown's, his 2d child.

Isaac

Hotchkiss

Death of

Mrs Car-

penter.

SATURDAY, AUG. 24 Cool morning & ev'g - fine & handsome - Assisted Justin at ploughing with a team of H - having Brown's iron plough - father finished off the wagon house & this morning bo't of Mr Isaac Hotchkiss, a very civil pedler, 1 doz 6 qt milk pans for four dollars - took some small articles for his keeping - paid a small balance in cash - gave an order on F. Blackmer for the other, that is \$4.00 A pensioner of the Revolution applied to be boarded here awhile, but we refused him on account of our affairs - Rhode Islander by birth - aged 61 - place of residence West'n part of N.Y. State - kept the man all night.

Blackmer

Pensioner

SUNDAY, AUG. 25 Fine & temperate - wind NW. No one attended worship from this quarter, father being ill. Between 9 & 10 AM with Bolingbroke in my hand & basket of salt, accompanied by Sher'd a part of the rout & by my litt. girl all the way, walked out to see to cattle sheep & fences - found all secure. Was much plagued with drows-

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iness - however enjoyed books tolerably well - read in Exodus description of the Tabernacle &c. A new Minister preached at the meeting house named Rosselter.

MONDAY, AUG. 26 Fair, dry & warm - wind N. Finished the work begun on Saturday - at night visited town - saw E. Waters' at J. Robinson's new house - the joiner work of which he was employed about - Got papers at Clark's - asked for cash of Mr Bisbee \$3. which he agreed to pay & did pay to our boy Justin this evening - came home playing the fife, tho' not without first calling to see when Mr Blackmer would want his Cash - to which he replied, in about 3 weeks. Father attended the funeral of Mrs Carpenter - Elder Tinham preached the sermon - from Mark 13th, 32" & 23 v. She left a disconsolate husband & 6 young children - the eldest being about 6 yrs old - & the youngest being an infant only an hour or two at her untimely exit. Edwards March stayed here this night.

Bisbee

pays cash

E. Marsh.

TUESDAY, AUG. 27 Fine - pretty warm - wind SW. Sowed the field in form of a triangle - AM Justin performed the harrowing. PM took the 1 h wag. apart - did a number of such kind of jobs besides hearing Mr House relate some of the afflictions of his life with some acc't other people's behaviour - names I don't mention - Said John F. Billing had lately arrived from S. Carolina in tolerable health. Toward eve'g carried a good sized calf skin - (L. Sherwood butchered the creature from







which it was taken on Monday eve'g - collectively the quarters weighed over 80 lbs) - Carried this skin to Ballard to be tanned for pay. In  
 L.Jewett Algiers had a trifling job done at J.Norton's - saw there L.Jewett and P. Smith. Came home by way of Blackmer's - bo't 1 lb tea, not pd, & doz wood screws & 2 gimblets for 20 cts - paid to F.Blackmer who was just then trading with no matter whom - On the road met Dr Swift with his son - asked him if he had wheat to sell - said he had. Left word at E.W's thzt we were in want of cash. Our boys were pretty lively.

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WEDNESDAY, AUG 28 Dry, fine, except flying clouds which indicated that rain had fallen somewhere within 50 miles of this. In  
 Wheat bot the morn'g bo't of Dr Swift 2-1/4 bbls wheat & rec'd 1 bhl lent plaster - of Dr S't the wheat, after getting home with it, was run through the fanning mill and we had 2 bbls suitable for seed - made meslin of it by adding half a bhl of rye. Our main business was sowing rye, besides which did some threshing Lyman & his friend Armstrong said that they and their friends had carried their point concerning the new constitution which they rejected 13 to 3.  
 Parsons Mr Parsons talked strongly of going to Long Island to visit his friends there.

THURSDAY, AUG 29 The weather continued much the same. Our meslin was sown in the SW quarter of the y'g orchard - other sowing was continued. We put together the 1 h.wag. while Parsons sat talking of the approaching election & other affairs &c. - had given up his Long Island jaunt till further opportunity - Threshed some rye - Eve'g played the flute nearly all the precious time - Armstrong present - Lyman was out till late.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 30 Fine dry weather - wd N - We compleated sowing about 7 acres - little more than 2 of which was stubble ground occupied in the same manner in 1821 - bordering the NE side of the young orchard - making all together a fine field in good order. Besides sowing, some threshing was performed. At night Mother, Lydia & Damia having arrived from visiting at Waters', Lem Sher&d & his friend Washington Rogers joined our youth of both houses & had such a sort of Ball as was usual with us in this secluded place. spot.

SATURDAY, AUG. 31 S.wind - a few flying clds - warm & faint, but expected rain - it was greatly desired. Threshing & winnowing rye was the business of father & myself. Justin mowed weeds.

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 Blackmer. to remunerate him for paying Mr Hotchkiss as stated p. 276 - paid him for 1 lb tea 71" in full so that nothing was left due him. Found all things regular at Mr S's - played the flute in the eve'g. The dairy was in full progression, & he had his ground ready to sow, but tho't it too early yet for wh't. Had made about 100 cheeses which collectively might weigh 3000 lbs. Our friend Armstrong went home to his father's, H.F. Corners this day.

SUNDAY MORNING, SEPT 1st Before sunrise I was upon my legs - went with Mr S. into his cheese house & saw a fine lot of cheeses - think he made it his business to turn - viewed his swine, which were in good condition - saw no dwarfs nor poverty-smitten animal among them or any other species ovdr which he had control - his conveniences for feeding his creatures are fine indeed. We talked of various affairs - such as farming business, ministers, missionaries, taxes, Rev'y War &c. - Breakfasted in good style & got home hers (Lyman being with me) by a little past







Arm-  
strong.

8 o'clock - Subsequent part of the day spent in reading as usual. P.M. Armstrong arrived from his father's - bringing with him 3 No's of the Edn'g Cyclopoedia - Dr Bates President of Middlebury College preached to our Congregation. I have to record the sudden death of Mrs Mariam, widow of the late John Weeks, youngest daughter of Nathan Clark Esq'r, a former inhabitant of this town, father of the late Col Clark of the 11th Reg't U.S.A. This event took place on the 30th inst in the 61 st yr of her age Spent an hour very agreeably looking over the history of the Saxons in the Encyclo's & Bigland's - late in the eve'g. Very warm & dry.

MONDAY, SEPT'R 2d Warm - w'd S - rained late in the day. We threshed wheat & Justin ploughed stubble with horses.

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TUESDAY, SEPT'R 3 Quite warm & showery - rain was very thankfully rec'd Late at Eve. the wind blew cool from N.W. The morning was employed by us in washing the pleasure box of the wag - washing smutty sp'g wh't & threshing a few floorings of rye. P.M. went to Fr8mns meeting - Our run for representative to the General Assembly was a close one - had three candidates - M. Robinson (Fed), W. HENRY (Rep) & O.C. Merrill (Demo) the third time going round the last was declared elected by 15 majority, as I was informed. The republican party felt highly rejoiced at the result on many accounts. Eve'g taken up in preparing to go to Wm's-town on the morrow. Our boys were good in assisting about milking the cows in our absebece. Rec'd this day P.M. in the court-house of Elisha Waters three dollars in money towards pork which he bo't in Dec 1821 - In voting for Congress candidates, which according to a law passed last session I suppose was to be by general ticket - voted for a single candidate only - Col Merrill - being told that the same thing was intended to be done in other counties.

Commencement  
at Wil-  
liams  
College.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT'R 4 Fine cool day - flying clds - wind NW. Rode with L. Sherwood, J. Martindale & J. Hand in 2 h. wag. to Wms'town found the place full of people - pedlers were numerous. Near the house of the late Dr Porter they had an exhibition of wild beasts - the Lion, elephant, camel, lama &c - admittance 25" - the growd around was great & it is probable that they received a handsome sum in the course of the day. I indulged my curiosity no father thzn to listen to their music which in my opinion was fine. At this house saw a young man who had with him his lady, to whom I suspect he had not been allied many months - named John Carpenter, of the S. part of the town - likewise saw Mrs Porter, Dr A.P's lady, in health. After staying here awhile went over to the meeting house - found a young gentleman upon the carpet speaking a dis

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Saw a young lady from Berlin N.Y. who was in fine spirits at D. Steven's , late Dr P's.

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course in latin - with which I was quite disgusted - left the house soon. Now I am not in order - this first ~~of~~ visit to the meeting house was previous to seeing much about the show-ground. Before their forenoon exhibition was through walked in & heard, or partly heard (their voices were remarkably faint, or my ears were in bad condition, or my judgment is good for nothing) - I say heard a discourse on the use of aeronautic navigation - another followed on Philosophy - the last was a dialogue on duelling - in my opinion badly spoken. Past noon, in quest of water, went to a house, a new one with wood house, kitchen & every other convenience all newly built - fine picket fence, all in real style, but not yet quite compleated - situated on the road S. of the meeting house, end to the street fronting E. - searched for a well - could find none - made known my wish,







& was served with water by a lively young lady,- requested to know where the well was - she pointed to a place covered over in the same room & said it was there, but not in use at present. Returned to my former stand - listened awhile to the music - the bugle was finely managed, but their drum drowned it so much that I disliked it exceedingly. Near the great tavern viewed a great variety of carriages & waggons - saw a gentleman engaged in buying up horses for a stage establishment in Georgia - Saw here Tho's Manchester one of my militia friends at Burlington & Plattsburgh - 1812 - talked very hoarsely - had some ail in his throat - was talking very busily with a Pownal gent. respecting the election there. I was informed that Mr Staunton was the successful candidate for representative - opposed to him were S. Wright & S. Merchant - the latter Democratic. Went to Mr Smedley's & watered my horses - returned to the crowd - hunted up my companions - took Justin & went down to S's where they had so kindly stabled my horses - harnessed, drove to town - took in my passengers with the addition of Alonzo Henry - son of John H. - and arrived

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here by 8 in the eve'g. This morning at Williamstown paid to Justin Martindale towards his wages two dollars in bills. Among the few with whom I was acquainted that I saw were Mr Marks, the tin pedler & my friend B.H. Blackmer. All well at Smedley's.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 5 Warm & dry - cold nights, copious dews. Cut up corn by the roots - bound it in bundles previous to shocking -

FRIDAY, SEPT. 6 Cool, signs of rain. Cut up corn again.

Kellogg.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 7 Cloudy - showery PM Finished cutting corn, & set up the cider-mill. Mr Kent worked for us - at night rode to town - at Mr Kellogg's heard him tell of a very curious circumstance examination of an academy of young ladies at Troy, N.Y. under the care of a Mrs Willard - very fine indeed. Saw some good books which he bought at auction - works of Byron in 3 Vols elegantly bound, also Milton's works equally handsome, at low prices. Bo't at Pickett's 1 lb tea - i/2 do ginger & paid in full 79" - and at F. Blackmer's 1 gall molasses - paid for it forty six cents. James Buck rode with me from P's to our lane - he was very sociable.

Dorset.

SUNDAY, SEPT 8 Warm fine day. Employed in writing & reading, when not engaged at other necessary business, such as salting cattle, mending fences &c - Read a chapt'r or two in Exodus concerning the decorations of the priests - also examined the history of France in the Ed. by Ency from the period of the Holy Wars in the 13th to the invasion of Italy by Charles VIII towards the close of the 15th century, all which is worthy of a place in one's memory, but I find mine too limited for it. Armstrong & Sherwood were at home & some out of health on account of being on an eeling scout with J. Martindale & J. Hand Saturday night. Our folks' said they heard a young preacher AM - PM Mr Jackson, of Dorset - a beggar for Pious young men - and not a very unsuccessful one either. Justin this day rode home to his father's in Pownal. Mr Waters paid a short visit here toward evening to see J. Rog., but he was absent.

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MONDAY, SEPT. 9 Very warm - hazy & cloudy - rain expected. Threshing rye & plowing were carried on - the latter by Justin - This morning while at breakfast, F. Johnson paid me towards board, five dollars in a Plattsburgh bill. Mr Elijah Smedley & lady paid us a very agreeable but short visit - being on their way to the north. L. Sherwood







Jun came here just at night in a double wag.- supped with us & said he was going shortly to Castleton to attend lectures. Had occasion to visit cousin Waters' folks to borrow flour, for our mills could not grind as fast as the people wanted - Saw Carolines Geography & maps which she told me she studied at this time.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 10 Extremely warm indeed - Justin finished ploughing oat stubble S. of J.Rog's house. Father & I beat off the flax seed - assisted some by Justin. Uncle E. & Aunt S. Taylor arrived on a visit from their residence in Barrington, Mass.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 11 Continued very warm. AM flax was spread - PM a few baskets of corn husked - rode to mill accompanied by Bliss. Mr Bliss who carried his grat to Dewey's here he procured some of the Saturley apples for me - Said he had been reading American State Papers - wished I would spare time to do the same - informed him that I was now employed in reading the summary of French Hist. in the Ed'g Encyclopedia - Brown. reign of Francis &c. As I came past friend B's he asked me if I knew the price of rye - replied I didn't care what it was - he would not receive of us for less than 3/6 per bhl.

THURSDAY, SEPT 12 Fair as ever was seen ' intensely warm. Commenced digging potatoes in the field. Father & Mother rode over to the E. part of the town - bro't grist from the mill. A vacation now took place at the academy - Armstrong, Sherwood & Washington Rogers slept here this night - liked their academical performances well this PM. Mrs Godfrey & her daughter Abigail came to visit Catherine.

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Sept. 1822 FRIDAY, Sept 13 Very warm - some smoky - Pursued business as above. Uncle Eph bro't down from W's his lady, daughter & grand-daughters for a visit - PM with the same view came Mr Martindale Rogers & with his consort & daughter Lydia. This morning Armstrong & Sherwood accompanied by W. Rogers departed for Hoosack. J. Rog. in the big wag. procured grain at L. Sherwood's, got most of it ground at Walbridge's & arrived here about sunset. Sol Clark came to see him to get a pair of shoes made having previously had 2 or 3 which did not him, but being in rather a grumbling mood, a word was dropt't by R. at which he was so displeased that he steered off to get his work elsewhere. Sally Harwood, my dear partner, was this day 29 years of age.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 14 Thundered in the morning - a great shower was expected but it rained but little AM. PM near night it commenced raining & lasted perhaps 2 hours, but not very effectually. A quantity of flaxseed was partially cleaned & other light concerns attended to. I went with my bullocks to Norton's to get brandy, of which there was towards a bbl due us, but was informed that they had transported their last years stock, except a small quantity to Troy - could spare us none - so after looking in Josephus a moment, leaving Luman & his brother-in-law Rogers at hunting squirrels, came home. Eve'g was taken up with music, but found no great amusement in it. My reading was now chiefly occupied in Frech Hist. - civil wars - 1564 &c.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 15 Cloudy & very warm - thundered & rained towards 7 in the eve'g - not a great quantity. My spirits were depressed by reading of the Civil Wars in France past the middle of the 16th Century; and in contemplating the dreadful consequences which followed Bonaparte's fatal Russian expedition - Read the sketch of Marlborough's Life in the Encyclopedia - born 1650 - died in his 73d year. Perused a Chapt'r in Exodus concerning Aaron & his sons being priests.







Brown

MONDAY, SEPT. 16 Cool - fly 202 clds - W. NW The business of Friday was continued. Mr Brown, this morning, rec'd here for sowing twelve bhl's rye at 3/6 pr bhl - wanted we should but it at the Proy price which he understood to be 3/0 - but we held him to our terms because we thought they were right & just - Lyman Sherwood came on his gay colt to pay us a visit. I went to Lieut Safford's to lead a horse there for mother for her on which she might ride home - she had made a visit there in conjunction with uncle Taylor, his lady, Mrs Street, Mrs Polly & Mrs Patty Waters

Adeline lost.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 17 Cold wind from N or NE some cloudy & some slight showers night & morning - frost followed at night. Business the same as above. At night was diverted in a great measure from reading by necessary offices unavoidable at this season & by reason of Sally's anxiety for the return of our little girl from school. I was tired, had aches & pains which usually follow working in the field - felt disposed to rest - concluded that she & Mrs Parsons litt. girls who were with her were safe at some house in the neighborhood; but far different was the opinion of my mother & S. - they considered me very callous hearted indeed - urged & urged me to go & look for them - perhaps they had been to see Mr Pratt's bear (which he had lately caught in a trap) & in attempting to find their way across lots had wandered & lost themselves. Young Andrew P had been sent down S. to make inquiry - before it was known that he had returned Sally became so restless that I had to go with her to P's where we found Mrs P. & her son mutely sitting by the stove - they told us that a number of Miss Loomis' scholars this PM including our girls, went to view the bear - got there just after they had killed it & were then engaged in taking off the hide. On their return from this excursion it was so late they tho't best to take lodgings - Annis & Ellen at Loomis' - Adeline at Norton's. This news made all fair - came home contented.

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F. Johnson married.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 18 Frosty morning-pleasant, warm weather followed. Continued driving at digging potatoes, interrupted only by being under the necessity of driving off Norton's cattle from our W. pasture. Married this eve'g in the SE part of the town by A. Robinson Esq Mr Freeborn Johnson to Miss Ann Downs. The wedding was celebrated at the house of the late E. Downs - Was invited, but could not attend - J. Rog. & lady with Damia saw the ceremony performed - they had a decent & lively time of it.

Potatoes.

F. Blackmer

THURSDAY, SEPT. 19 Signs of storm - SE wind - flying clouds. In the Tracy field finished digging potztoes - of which had a very decent crop - in general large, fine & dry - from rather more than 1-1/2 acres we gathered 290 bhl, of which sold to J. Rog. this day twenty two at 1/0 pr bhl. Had business in town at night - carried to H.H. Fassett 38-1/4 lbs cheese - looked in the stores for cloth for fine shirt - found none quite to my mind - at F. Blackmer's played the flute - A. Robinson, A. Hyde, P. Dewey & others present. A rather coarse performer not known to me played some. Our relatives, a few of them, were here, uncle & aunt Taylor, Mrs Duncan & Mrs Waters composed the party.

FRUDAY, SEPT. 20 Wind SE - think clds - rained a little AM - P.M. rained steadily & towards eve'g very powerfully - Busy till noon fixing wagon springs, husking corn &c. - P.M. rode to Algiers to see Capt Hills respecting stove pipe - but he was quite otherwise engaged, the new racing business supplied him with so much company that his whole time & house-room had to be exclusively devoted to it. Many were present, the rain however spoiled their sport for this day. Talked with Judge Fay & H. Clark respecting Bruce's Travels &c. Visited C.H. hill - saw a book pedler who had Lempriere's C'l Dictionary among his books. Saw one of







D.Clark Elliot Hill's sons, a young printer of Boston. Sold to D.Clark 38 lbs cheese on credit for cash. Got home in time to assist at milking in a great shower.

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Sept. 1822 SATURDAY, SEPT. 21 The great rain appeared to do much good. Gathered app's in the litt. meadow & elsewhere besides attending to other minor affairs - that is, speaking collectively of father, myself & Justin. Uncle Taylor & lady departed in good health for G.Barrington, Ms. - we had been greatly entertained with their kind visit. Mr Spencer, at whose house a male child was born on the 20th - had our wag & horses to go to Pownal to wait upon Miss Rosenburgh to his house - distance not much short of 10 miles - charged 75" payable in labor. We confined pigs which had been kept in the orch'd by the house. At night continued reading the Art'le "Chivalry" in the Edinb'g Ency. which displays a curious view of the manners of the great from the 11th to the 14th and 15th Centuries - it was certainly of great use in refining & softening the manners of succeeding ages - we probably place the ladies on much higher ground at this day than we should had that institution never existed.

SUNDAY, SEPT 22d Fair, but extremely chilly - wind NW - Besides my usual course, wrote some music - a thing I don't recollect doing in 3 years before - Copied out of H.A.Fay's manuscripts. Made application to Mr Brown for brandy that he had borrowed heretofore - could not pay because he had none on hand - neither had the Norton's nor Dewey's any - carried all to Troy & N.Y. Mr Armstrong arrived from Hoosack F.Corners in good health - reckoned time since he first came here to board & B.Loomis called it 3-1/2 wks up to Monday morning the 23d inst. B.Loomis paid us a visit. Justin visited his folks in Pownal.

MONDAY, SEPT 23 Cold & frosty morning succeeded by fair weather. A quantity of corn was harvested - Justin finished plowing stubble land in the Tracy field. Brown's & old Green's sheep were driven out of the great cow pasture. On Sunday the cows were turned to feed in the litt meadow. Eve'g walked to town with Jo.Hand - sold to Fassett 5-1/2 lbs butter at 0/9 - received of him \$1. in money - The Theatre Court House was occupied by the Theatrical Company - music fine - admittance 50".

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Sept. 1822 TUESDAY, SEPT. 24 Beautifully fine - pretty warm - wind SW. Apples were gathered in the young orchard. Father & Mother rode away to Hinsdill's fulling mill with cloth to get it dressed P.M. Races. The races in Algiers, the animals at Ballard's & the Theatre (Court H.) engrossed the chief attention at this time. Mrs E.Potter visited here this P.M. - also a short time Miss S.Waters from Arlington.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 25 Same business again - warm & fine. Made some preparation for going to Troy on the morrow - visited town - stood in front of the Court House to hear the fine music in the Theatre - but they played so little that it was but a vexation to be there - L.Dewey & his son John were among the by-standers. This was the 2d day of the great Races in Algiers. Dr Swift lent me \$10.00 in money.

THURSDAY, SEPT 26 Extremely war, cludy - rained a little. We were employed at husking corn. Justin left us for Algiers at noon to see the races - I went about 2 PM - saw Lydia & Damia by the way viewing from the N. side of old Green's limekiln hill the gr't concourse of people assembled at Ballard's, the races gr'd & Capt Hill. Walked about to see what I could see in this immense crowd & then returned home to forward business so that the girls might go with me to the Theatre - here we







Theatre. arrived at the proper hour & saw them perform "A Taming of a Shrew" - then Mr Adamson sung The Song of "Giles the Ploughman" & "Nothing at all" in most noble style - Concluding with "Fortune's Frolic" - The acting suited well, but the choice of pieces was bad in my way of thinking - too many clownish notions and immodest cants for so enlightened an audience, as I fancied was present, to relish.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 27 Very warm - cldy - w'd SW - rained at night - did I say at night - no, it was most of the PM & pt of the ev'g. Husking corn & threshing wheat made up our business. Wanted to go to the Theatre but want of proper means &c prevented our doing so.

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Training Theatre. SATURDAY, SEPT. 28 Remained cruelly warm - cldy - wind SW - rained some at night. Our military, cavalry excepted, all turned out - performed much as usual. In our company a Serg't & Corp'l were chosen - Officers are as follows: Capt Blackmer, Lieut J. Dewey, Ensign, A.D. Robinson, Serg'ts M.L. Norton, D. Love, A. Harwood & John Morse Jun'r in the place of L. Thayer deceased. Corp's Doolittle, H. Safford, S. Clark Jun'r & Joseph Stratton. They embodied & went through with some battalion manoeuvres late P.M. under the Inspector, H. Robinson. In the course of the day visited Hall's & Hubbell's offices, saw some fine books &c. At Hick's listened to the music of Charles Ball a few moments, friend S.H. Blackmer was fastened up in a little bedroom at the E. end of the upp'r hall with him. Eve'g supped with cousin U.S.R., so did his brother-in-law Charles Hicks, & saw their infant daughter which was born a few weeks since, weighing 7-1/2 lbs - talked of naming her Harriet. Attended at the Theatre when there was a full house which was handsomely entertained - with the "Stranger" - a most interesting & ingenious play - very few were there among the hearers who had command enough of themselves to resist the gush of tears which several parts of it naturally drew forth. This was their best piece - spoken the 3d time in this place. Mr Gillingham's solo followed but in such style as I believe was above the relish of the audience. Next, "Nick Goose" a taylor song by Mr Adamson in his best style - after which "Nothing at all" was vociferously called for & granted. They concluded with the play called "Turn Out", a pretty lively thing. We think the performance, both on the stage & in the orchestra, did honor to themselves - especially Mrs Legge who is a most accomplished actress. Mr G. & his brother victim players were men advanced in life - the flute & bassoon men were young or middle aged - none of the others appeared old. The benefit of this night was to go for painting the C. House.

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Cash. Bisbee.  
Dr H. Swift's boy. On Thursday ev'g paid to Jew't Martindale one dollar in money - This day Mr Brown paid us in full for 12 bbls rye at 3/6 pr bhl which he had to sow - a few days since. Mr Bisbee bargained for three young cattle at \$3 pr head - rec'd a cheese - weighing 20-1/2 lbs. As Capt Blackmer was marching his company along the street to the S. about half from Pickett's to Gen Robinson's, Dr Heman Swift's little boy happened to be met by a wagon & horses, by which he was knocked down - falling between the horses, being in great danger of having his brains beat out by their feet - the sight was so terrifying that our company broke their ranks & scattered like a flock of sheep - halloing & screeching to the man on the load to hold up, but as it turned out it was fortunate, after the little fellow was down that he did not, because he escaped litt. hurt - he was between 3 & 4 years of age as I am informed.

Peters. SUNDAY, SEPT. 29 Cloudy - very warm - wd SW. Did not read much - had to write some & to sleep to make up lost time spent at the theatre. Mr Peters, who had been absent some time, I was informed, took occasion to make very pointed remarks on what had transpired the past







week - condemning without reserve the races, Theatre, wild-beasts show & all. All this he performed in the pulpit this day. Settled with Lyman Sherwood for his board & he p'd me in full one dollar & fifty cents. Talked with him a good while by moon light respecting the Theatrical performances lately exhibited.

Bisbee MONDAY, SEPT 30 Hazy & wet morning - had rained in the night - fair PM  
Bisbee came down this m'g & rec'd a 3 yrs old heifer which he killed at his slaughter house & weighed in the presence of J. Rogers who bro't a return of lbs 517 after making the usual deduction for shrinkage. We gath'd app's in C's orch'd. Father P.M. was a juror in the cause of Greenwood vs J Hicks Jun'r - gave one cent damages to the former for assault & battery - a foolish light affair. Sold to Fassett 18 lbs butter.

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1822 for which rec'd payment in \$2.25 - Paid to Mrs Minerva Selden for fixing mother's bonnet \$1.50 in full. At Fassett's saw Stephen Robinson, uncle S.R. J.T. Rob. Henry Rob. Col Nort, D. Clark & others - some remarks were made in disapprobation of what was said by our minister on the last Sabbath - Our good friend Judge Stephen read a very smart piece in the Gazette which handled him hard tho' not perhaps without just provocation - J. Rogers accompanied me to Pickett's & from there rode home with me.

General TUESDAY, OCT. 1 Smart searching wind from N.W. chilly & cloudy. Our  
Review. Reg. Review took place this day. Capt Blackmer's Company took the right - Henry Robinson Lieut Col. Commandant - had nearly all to perform - Maj'r Scranton on the ground - U.M. Robinson, acting adjutant - Brigadier Crpss & his Aides present - We had very good doings - our company made two fires only & those in real style exceeding by far anything attempted throughout the Reg. Those who occupied ground near me were Isaac Magoon, John Connelley, Charles Cushman Jun'r & L. Barney. Just after the Reg. began to move for the field the bell was tolled for James Mlove, the son of Mr J. Love, who died in Adams, Mass., on the (30) 29 of Sept - was bro't here to be buried. Mr Martindale supped with us. About this time rec'd in full for rye of A. Brown \$7.00

Expedition WEDNESDAY, OCT. 2 Appeared likely to be stormy, chilly & cloudy-rained  
to Troy slightly 2 or 3 hours - but finally cleared fair P.M. & ev'g. Drove to Troy without stopping - arrived early P.M. - had flaxseed & butter to sell - the sharpers came around me, & with one of them I traded, Phillip Dater. - Bo't my stuff in a kind of bartering style - giving in that way \$1. pr bbl for flaxseed - \$3. for 18-3/4 lbs butter - rec'd in paym't 1/4 cwt sugar, 2 galls molasses, 1 lb tea \$ & 1 dollar & 44" in cash - this man shaved - Went on buying - of Dr Lyman 1 gall oil & 2 lamps - \$1.62 - of Jo Gary 13 lbs seal leather at 29" & 2 morocco sks at \$1.50 - pd in full \$6.25 - of Peck 30 lbs stove pipe at 1/5 y.k. - Paid in full \$4.54 At other places 4 brooms (shaved) \$1.19

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1822 Shovel at McEowens \$1.25 Silver thimble (a cheat) 50" - 7 lbs rice 25 cents - 4-3/4 lbs codfish - 19 cents - next morning 1 shovel \$1. - pr of razors - \$1.75 - two toy books 9 cents - total am't \$26.13 Late at ev'g stood near Curtis' Hall & listened to the voices of our late theatrical characters - took a farewell hearing of their music. Rec'd from Prosper Armstrong \$3.50 And for Mrs J. Robinson - wid. of N.R. - bo't 1 bbl flour for which she furnished money and I paid Dater for the same \$6.25 Lodged at Stearns'.







THURSDAY, OCT. 3d Fine cool day - indeed fine - Had a fine ride from Troy - a woman in a 1 h wag gave me the lead from beyond the White house to our court house - she had a litt girl with her - arrived in good season in town - unloaded flour at wid. Nathan's - Pickett & Bisbee laughed at me for giving so much for my brooms. Had shovel handle riveted at Col Norton's. Bro't from Merrill's an empty bbl belonging to J. Murphy. Aunt Sarah & Mrs Johnson were visiting at this place. Father & Justin assisted at Mr Marsh's husking bee.

FRIDAY, OCT. 4 Very fine & warm. We picked nearly 30 bhls winter apples. Capt Brown & his nephew Ab. visited us this mg  
S. Waters. S. Waters pd her respects here. Bisbee on the 2 inst pd to father 15 dol-  
Bisbee. lars in money - had rec'd a 2 yr old steer which weighed 543 after deducting 10 lbs for shrinkage.

SATURDAY, OCT. 5 Good day indeed. Father & Mr Kent & worked at the cider-mill & press - Justin & I gathered apples in the W.pt of the y'g orchard. Jon Rog. l. Sherw'd & F. Johnson went walnutting out at Sherwood's. Arrived here late this eve'g our friend Henry Debar, from Troy, in good health - bro't us a number of fine little presents - among the rest "The Columbian Jester" - price 12-1/2 cents.

SUNDAY, OCT. 6 S.W. wind - cloudy - expected rain - L. Sherw'd (g) P. Armstrong & W. Rogers p'd us a visit - B. Loomis also.

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MONDAY, OCT. 7 Appeared likely to rain. Henry & Justin made cider. Father & Mother visited the E. Pt of the town P.M.  
Jonathan drove the stag team to the still with a hhd of cider. Bisbee  
Bisbee. rec'd a large 2 yr old heifer the last on his contract, weighing 550 lbs after the usual deduction of 10 lbs - Brooks came with him - W. Hand came up & put in the stove crock - paid him 44" - he asked only 25". Our boys visited town altogether. Bisbee paid me cash \$10.

TUESDAY, OCT. 8 Nice weather - drew 2 hhd cider to Norton's still which the Still. added to what Jon carried am'td to 355 gallons.  
Husking corn & taking care of cider constituted the other business. All  
Dr Welch this long eve'g I was in town at Dr Welch's shop awhile he made the fore legs of our stove & over-hauling another pair - for which he asked me 75" payable in cid-brandy - we talked of army affairs which took place in 1812 - he was Serg't in Cross's company.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 9 Fair & warm - eind SW - slightly smoky. We attended closely to corn harvest - Andrew Parsons assisted.  
at the close of the day by mistake had a serious hunt for the oxen when  
S. Waters they were safe in the S. meadow at home. S. Waters here visiting/ We put up the stove, but had hard work to get the pipe together. The whole of this eve'g was spent in that way

THURSDAY, OCT. 10 Clōdy - warm wind S.W. - rained just at night. Harvesting progressed finely - had all secured ready for rain at night - the boys husked a good many heaps - A. Parsons here. S.  
Dr Swift Waters had lately heard the death of her brother, Worthy. Paid to Dr S.  
paid. \$10. - borrowed money & for 2 bhls wheat at 7/6 \$2.50 Paid also to J. Murphy fpr his lady 53 cents in full.

FRIDAY, OCT. 11 Remarkably warm indeed, cloudy & likely for rain. Henry & Justin made cider - Father, myself & A. Parsons







Oct. finished picking apples in the young orchard - other business was performed P.M. - went twice to the still - carried 2 hhds. Eve'g went to J.Hicks with 1 h harness - ordered it put in complete repair & agreed to pay cash for it - Carried 21-1/2 lbs butter to Fassett - heard him talking to Bisbe & others respecting Mr Austin Harmon, broken bridges &c. Justin Martindale accompanied me - paid to him \$1 cash. On the 7th inst a new note was given to Sophia Waters in my name of eleven dollars and ten cents.

SATURDAY, OCT. 12 Warm - rain was looked for, but in vain - Carried 2 hhd Cider to the mill still which added to what had been previously conveyed there amounted to 823 gallons - Sibley came with a load for Capt Barney. Capt Norton informed me that he was a soldier on Long Island in 1776 - was in that masterly retreat from that place under Washington - more he told me but I do not recollect nor have I time to record it - Had a gallon jug at Norton's which Norman had curiously marked with the initials of my name and the word "Rum" annexed - Gathering apps was pursued by father & the boys - A.Parsons being one among them. Our ladies received the company of Mrs Waters, S.Waters, Caroline W. & Kucy Street this P.M. - S. & C.W. tarried over night - Mt Oatman sold Damia cloth & trimmings for a loose coat which cost \$10.15 on sh't credit - Eve'g I added acc'ts for Cath. Rogers - She was Dr to Mother for 79 lbs 6 oz of butter since Sept 1821 - most of it at 0/9 pr lb amt'g to \$10.6 which added to some other articles made the sum of about \$16.13 toward which she had paid I think \$13.09

SUNDAY, OCT. 13 Mild, smoky, some cloudy - wind S.W. S.Waters at night took parting leave for Arlington. J.Rogers got his apples from Dickinson's

Oct On Saturday, the 12th inst Miss C.Loomis closed her school for this season with the general approbation of her employers. My daughter Adeline received a certificate which stated that she had been at the head of her class 30 times and this night was one of them.

MONDAY, OCT. 14 Chilly - seemed likely to storm - chilly & cldy. J.Rogers Cleaned the orchard by J.Rog's - he shook the tree standing by his door for a bbl of cider, but afterwards he released me from my engagement - Got the hogs out - I mean the lean ones, into the department E. of Jona's house - considerable was done in Clark's orch'd. Eve'g Jona. rode with his wife & Damia to Algiers - Henry, Justin & myself were passengers a part of the way - Rec'd of Cyrus Bisbee fifteen dollars & fifty cents towards cattle - attempted to settle with Mr Pickett, but his books were not in readiness, however paid him \$25.00 in bills which did not much suit him - credited B.Harwood the same - Ira Haynes, Col Norton & T.J.Hendryx happened in during the time of doing this business - Carried 19 lbs butter to David Robinson's & as I came along home A.Hyde pd paid Capt Asa Hyde 75" in full for mixing paint &c. Mr Bliss came down to engage us to make cider for him - a conditional bargain was made.

TUESDAY, OCT. 15 A very cold morning - chilly & blue all day. The final stroke was given to digging potatoes, of which in all we presume we raised 350 bhls - 40 in the corn field - 8 of lady-fingers in the garden, put by themselves - about 80 bhls were handsomely stacked & covered in the garden - Looked up our charges against Kent which amt'd to \$35.25







WEDNESDAY,

Cold, SW - wind in the morning - grew milder as the day advanced. Clark's orchard was cleared & the cornfield mostly besides which the flax, very short, 150 bundles, was taken up  $\frac{3}{4}$  I hhd cider carried to the still by J. Rog.

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THURSDAY, OCT. 17 Fine good day. Gov Tichenor had the cider mill in order to make his cider. Bliss' apples, 82 bbls, were bro't down. Husking corn was pursued at the barn.

Bliss

FRIDAY, OCT. 18

Very warm smart breeze from S.W. or S.E. - cloudy - a little smokey. Gathering apples was about compleated

Parsons Parsons & his boy assisted - & P.M. Henry drew up his apples amounting to cider. about 100 bbls. At night carried to D. Robinson Jun'r 21 lbs butter - recd Martindale of him \$8. in money - At F. Blackmer's paid to Justin Martindale \$13.26 Goods F. which enabled him to but cloth for a coat & surtoot. At Brown's T.J. Hen- Blackmer. dryx, J. Henry, Eldad Dewey & others were present - to the latter I read news in his Spectator respecting the Greeks who had obtained a splendid vistory over the Turks on the 8th of July 1822 - played the flute a little - Bo't 3 yds Irish linen for fine shirt - at 50" pr yard to be pd Saturday eve.

Corn.

Kent.

SATURDAY, OCT. 19 Warm, cloudy & at night rainy - Everyone was admiring the fine weather with which we were blessed. Husking was compleated - the boys threshed 4 bbls rye - we looked over the cornfield - Gov T. & his folks were busy about their cider - Mr Kent did some hooping for Parsons & set 2 or three for us. Seth Parsons from Hoosack staid at Chatfields.

Z. Pierce

Dimmick

SUNDAY, OCT. 20 In the night it had rained considerably - it was much wanted. Z. Pierce bro't over a fine black & white pup to us for which paid him 50 cents. Friend Dimmick paid a visit here - looked at our fat hogs - he admired them wonderfully. Pressed out cider for Gov. Tichenor. Read hist. of France - Louis 13 & 14.

MONDAY, OCT. 21

Had rained nearly all night, which caused chilliness, Cloudiness & nasty roads. Early this morning - vis

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Rogers

Gov'r

Tichenor

Welch p'd

Merrill

Warren

boy.

Blackm'r

town - received from Mr Fassett tow'd butter & cheese \$5. in money - paid my respects to Mrs Merrill who was in want of butter - promised her 50 cwt - waited for J. Hicks to mend 1 horse harness for which he charged 50" - to J. Rogers instead of receiving cash as I had talked of - our work there charged to Rog. since March last amt'd to \$1.13. Cider was made for Bliss & Kent - the former 78 - the latter 27 bbls. Gov Tichenor bro't his cider job to a close - 18 bbls - handed me a \$2. bill - wanted 20" in change - gave him 25" - which left us \$1.75, a compensation entirely satisfactory - & he appeared pleased on his p't. The N. beam of the cider-press was fixed by girting it with a chain. J.F. Billing - who happened to be present assisted a little & also shaved hoops for Parsons. Father built stack y'd fence - the corn field was cleared finally. Evening went to mill - paid D. Welch 75" in cash for what he did for me on the 8th inst. & carr'd 11 lbs butter to Mrs M. who said she never was so glad to see me before in her life - That curious genius Ward Warren spent the P.M. & night here engaged chiefly in reading - had been to sea - visited Charleston S.C. & Vera Cruz, Mexico - gave a pretty correct account of himself. This is the lad mentioned p. 265. Paid \$1.50 to F. Blackmer for the cloth bo't of him on Friday eve'g - circumstances had been such as to prevent me from conveniently doing it sooner.







Cider TUESDAY, OCT. 22 Chilly,unsteady N.W. wind - 119 galls cider for ourselves was sent to Norton's - 114 of Bliss' cider carried to Dewey's still - Kent had 2 bbls of that liquor carried to his house. Bliss & Kent had from their apples about 13 bbls of cider - reckoned 10 to the former & three to the latter. For making Mr B's - conveying his part to his house & the still we rec'd a fourth part amt'g to 3 bbls 23 g's leaving him 6 bbls 9 g's 3 bbls 3 qts wheat was threshed. Jon. & Hen. to Algiers at night.

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Oct 1822 WEDNESDAY, OCT. 23 Flying clouds & very chilly. Cider made for Parsons by Henry & Justin - 119 gall's cid. sent to N's still for H.Debar - & a quantity of rye threshed by father & me - Thirty four years of age this day & a mere boy yet in useful knowledge - It is astonishing what difference there is in men in this respect - while some are the past. are soaring high in the regions of science many are contented to tread the common every-day track without troubling themselves with endeavoring to gain more information on any subject of importance - Read Gov Skinner's speech.

Kent . THURSDAY, OCT. 24 Chilly,sour & cloudy - w'd S.W.  $\frac{3}{4}$  Father & Mother visited the E. p't of the town - carrying to mill grists of rye for Kent & ourselves - 2-1/2 bbls for the latter. It was a mistake Mrs Mann in calling our grist rye,for it was wheat. They paid Mrs Mann for spinning \$3. - her demand was \$4. which was made up to her by sending \$1. pr J.Rogers on Friday eve'g to A.Harwood the miller who agreed to hand it to her - Also they bro't from Mr Thayer's a piece of woolen cloth - measuring 24 yds. Pressing out P's cider & carting a litt manure made up home business. Mrs Parsons & Sabrina Gulliver were quite ill.

Brown. FRIDAY, OCT. 25 Frosty frozen morning,but fine day - Cider was made for ourselves - several bbls put into the cellar - the casks were prepared by smoking brimstone matches in them. Brown came over to get hands to assist at husking corn for him. Parsons turned out. A Tin pedler. light headed tin-pedler belonging to the N.E. quarter of Litchfield county C't,tarried here this night - J.Rog., F.Johnson & J.Hand went-a-hunting - had poor luck. At night the former & Henry went to mill & carried to H.H. H. Fassett 21 lbs & to D.Robinson Jun 11 lbs butter. On Tuesday the 22d Wallace. the celebrated Hiram Wallace arrived in town in good health. P.188

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Oct. 1822 SATURDAY, OCT. 26 Frozeh morning - chilly & hazy all day. Scraped out a number of light l'ds of manure carried on to the hither p't of the S. meadow. Henry carried a hhd of cider for Parsons to the still at Norton's,which he had sold to F.Blackmer as he informed us. Parsons Father & mother went to the fulling mill & paid a visit to uncle Sam's folks. Our tin-pedler we found to be an unstable character - he sold me a gross of white mettle buttons which at first he asked 8", but afterwards fell to about the rate of 4" pr doz - bo't them & paid him 50" - sold to our boys a cannister of Powder for 50". This day J.Rogers in Rogers. friendly style parted with his boarder & apprentice. P. 255

French History. SUNDAY, OCT. 27 Still,cloudy,chilly - a storm looked for. Perused French history from the time of the p'atter part of the war of 1755 to the early part of the Revolution of 1789 & a short period subsequent to the deposition of the king. Those were dreadful times. Joseph Robinson Father weht to meeting & attended the funeral of Mrs Robinson widow of the late Mr Joseph R.,a worthy citizen of the N.W. p't of this town. Mr Death of Andrew Wood suddenly departed this life on the 24th inst. These were And Wood persons both advanced in life.







Martin-  
dale  
Brandy.

MONDAY, OCT. 28 Wind high in the E. - great roaring in the E. part of the town - some damage to buildings, trees & fences ensued - there were frequent but short showers of rain mixed with hail during the day - The boys threshed wheat & carried away an old app. cheese from the press - We erected the litt stove in the dairy room & attended to other concerns. Mr Martindale came down this morning & rec'd towards Justins hire \$3. in money - he mentioned that E. Carpenter had a drove of 13 or 14 Lld sheep to drive to Duchsess County, N.Y. Evening continued reading F. History. A bbl of Cid-brandy which was broached about the mid. of Aug. was exhausted or very nearly -

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Ed  
Dimmick.  
Frost.  
Cider for  
domestic  
use.

TUESDAY, OCT. 29 Black, cloudy, a litt. rainy, pretty muddy & tempest's - Went to Dewey's still & got a hhd lent to Bliss - had a staple or hasp fixed to fasten down cart body at Frost's - Saw at the still - Loan, P. & S. Dewey - Sam Safford - S. Morse - & Edwin Dimmick who had found the bolt which I lost some days ago in driving across a little broken bridge S. of Dr Swifts. At & about Frost's there were Maj'r Potter, Hor Clark, Brooks, himself, Fisher, Greenwood, Bates the app'r. Mrs Wickwire building an addition to the shop, & Rider with shingles &c from Woodford. Went to Fassett's & agreed to furnish him with 60 lbs more of butter. D. Clark wanted 30 or 40 lbs - U.M. Rob. called in on business with C. Agreed to let R. Carpenter have 50 lbs cheese - Came home past noon & assisted at business here - the boys ground & laid up 120 bbls apples - Henry carried to the still 4 bbls cider measuring 126-1/2 gallons - Seven bbls were discharged into two hhds in the cellar - making in all 6 hhds.

Cheese to  
Clark &  
Carp'r  
Fassett.  
Ballard.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 30 Blue, cloudy, muddy & snowy on the mountain. Threshing wheat, weighing cheese, gleaning the orchards, boiling cider, drawing cider to the still & to the house, mending small gate &c went on at home. P.M. rode with J. Rogers to town in the great wagg - Carried to R. Carpenter 58-1/2 & to D. Clark 197 lbs cheese - tried for 8" pr lb but they were hardly willing to allow more than 0/4-1/2 - talked with Fassett a long time on the subject but without coming to farther conclusion than that I would not dispose of my cheese under \$7. pr hund - Called a moment at Pickett's - bo't 1 lb copperas & a tob'c pipe - pd 7" - Drove to Algiers - J. Murphy accompanied us from Frank's store - Jon. went to mill - I had a little mending done by Capt Hills for which pd him 0/9. At Ballard's we bo't leather - Jon. a side of seal - & I a side of upper - the latter at 16/6 - Barras bo't one also not so good for 16/0 - This ended our business.

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1822  
Cider  
mill  
broken.  
Jewett.

THURSDAY, OCT. 31 Mild - rather warm of the two - fine for business - a little smoky & cloudy too. Our boys were put to grinding apples - finished nearly all for ourselves & not quite 50 bbls of friend Brown's when to our surprise & mortification just after keying up the mill stoutly, having thrown a few very hard things which we had gleaned from the young orch'd into the hopper which caused the horses to stop, on bidding them go - the sweep split open almost from end to end. Attempts were made by father & me to find timber suitable for another, but we concluded to rest it with our old carpenter what to do - either to cut a new one or repair the old one - Visited him at L. Jewett's where he was engaged framing the roof of an addition to his, Levi's house - meng'd or agreed to have him come on next day - Mr J's lady on Saturday eve presented him with a fine pair of twins, male & female. Called at the still & friend Luman's with the latter talked as usual of what is sometimes found in books - his sister Laura passed his window while I was there - she nodded, but nothing said. Henry carried to the still 122 -1/2 g's cider. We calculated, but not accurately, that we had carried there in all about 44 bbls - Brandy due for 1821, about 60 gall's.







FRIDAY, NOV. 1st Raw, chilly, some snowy & quite unpl't. The cider mill was mended by Mr Kent, who made out about his day  
Kent. mak'g wagon stakes & hooping bbls - some manure was drawn out, geese picked by Justin & the girls, garden sauce secured - 32 bbls apples ground, &c.  
J. Hand Brown bro't on apples. J. Hand began to work for J. Rog. as journeyman.  
F. Johnson Settled with F. Johnson who owed us \$9.43, to be paid ere long.

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Nov 1822 SATURDAY, (OCT) NOV. 2d Cloudy, unpleasant, muddy - Cider was made for Brown by Henry & Justin - father & myself mended fence on the E. line against the S.W. part of the Fay farm and winnowed 7-2/3 bbls sp'g wheat - Toward eve'g visited town - at the printing O. saw amon others David & Stephen Robinson - with the latter talked of that wonderful genius N. Bonaparte on whose character we were well agreed. Mr Bisbee came in & paid me \$8.29 which settled all affairs between us except ab't 21 lbs cheese - mentioned that we talked about selling another of our young cattle - would let him know ere long. At Capt David's, after receiving in full from him fifty cents for butter had a long discourse on the state of manufactures, Academy, school, religion, Mr P. &c. Left him in very friendly mood & returned home in the dark. Here we discussed the question whether it would be for our interest to gradually quit the dairy of John'n & raise stock - It was decided in the affirmative - J. Rog. was present - he had been to Shaftsbury & rec'd a beef cow of F. Johnson for \$18. which he disposed of to Bisbee. Bo't on acc't at D. Clark's "The Life & Adventures of Capt. Singleton", a present to Adeline for being a good scholar & for letting her aunt D. extract 2 bad teeth from her upper jaw - price 20 cents.

SUNDAY, NOV. 3 Cold & cloudy. Perused the bible & Encyclopoedia. Added figures &c. Mr Gridley of Williamstown preached here & was careful to let the people know that ministers must not be blamed with impunity. Freezing nights at this time. Much opposition Peters. reigned at this time against Mr P.

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Nov. 1822 MONDAY, NOV. 4 Fair but pretty cool - freezing nights at this junct- ure. Making cider was now about to be finished - 81 bbls for Br. - 13 for Parsons - went to the house of the latter & assisted him and his lady about getting them up from the floor - bro't them to the mill in the cart - which added to what we had previously made up for him amounted to  
Made for Bliss 12-1/2 bbls  
Kent 10  
Brown 3  
32  
57-1/2  
B. Harwood, about 69  
126-1/2  
Had carried to N's still of our own, say 44  
Our share of Bliss' 3-2/3  
Do, ora part only, of Brown's 2-1/3  
50  
Sold to D. Clark, at \$1. 3  
J. Rogers at do. 1-1/2  
54 -1/2  
Had no apples to spare - nor hardly enough for our own use ab't house - with our orchar'ds it was not the bearing year, but generally speaking fruit was abundant - the stills over-flowing - cider worth but little in market - would fetch only from 50" to 75" cash. We made cider for Bliss & Brown - for every 4th paid in kind. Sent Clark's cider to him pr H. Debar in the wag. drawn by bullocks. A Parsons worked some for us.







Visited Br's twice in the course of the day - Bates threshed rye & wheat for him. Father & mother paid a real visit to Mrs Duncan & family at Mrs Stauntons. Willard Bates lost his wife a few days since by intemperance. From May 18, 1821 to May 18 1822 - sold lbs 439 9 oz butter \$57.14 Cheese made & sold in 1821 lbs 747 5 46.86 Kept from 10 to 14 cows that gave the milk from which it was \$ 104.00 made.

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Nov. 1822 TUESDAY, NOV. 5 Good day for business. All hands including J. Rogers cleared the yards of manure which was carried on to the that part of the S. meadow intended to be ript up in 1823. Father & I spent the evening mostly at Fassett's - saw U.M. Rob., I.J. Hendryx, & D. Clark there.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 6 Fine, but some cloudy. J. Rog. & I rode out together - had horses shod at Welch's, at \$1.50 - for mending chains 6" - for fixing oxen at another time 75" - in all \$2.31 On our way to Mr Sherwood's by Esq Henry's, saw some fields of good rye - many apples not gathered - in this quarter cider very plenty - at S's saw very fine hogs - they had finished most of their work except making cider which they were now busied at. Lyman was at home - went with us to Mr Hellen's - saw his cider house & a variety of other buildings as well as his hack - On our return met Mr S. who had been to Norton's with a l'd of cider - Jon. agreed with him to deliver 4 bbls (to) him at their still to pay in his work. Mr S. had been to the river on the 5" & sold upward of 36 hund cheese at \$7-1/4, informed me there was a prospect of getting \$8.00 for ours. Rec'd of H.B. Fassett \$3. in morning - Paid over to J. Hick's Jun in trust for Dan'l Oatman for goods bo't Oct 12 1822 - ten dollars fifteen cents. Father & Henry worked at building wall this side Parsons'. Justin went hom to his father's to work a few days. By letter from G. Smedley dated in August we learned the death of Ed L. Stone of Litchfield, C't youngest brother of Ruth Parsons & S. Harwood aged about 40. This happened about the 14th of Aug - It was a consumption that carried him off.

THURSDAY, NOV. 7 A sort of Ind. Summer, smoky, mild - fire on E.M't The wall was continued - stone were drawn from behind the barn - Dr Swift came to visit Jon's child - related the extraordinary manner in which they managed the furnace. Our ladies made app. sauce. Mr N. Eldred & lady & Mrs P. paid a short visit.

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Nov 1822 Jonathan & Henry butchered a five weeks old calf for us which weighed 115 lbs - The quarters alone 102 lbs - the skin was car'd next day to Ballard's to Calf butchbe tanned on our own account. C. Bisbee rec'd from this establishment two young heifers - 2 yrs old - at \$3.00 per hund. Made a rough calculation of live stock & produce sold & raised in 1821, amounting to \$409.00

Provisions

FRIDAY, NOV. 8 Mild, muddy & cloudy. Walling was continued by father altho' he had been sick in the morning. Henry threshed out over 2 bbls of rye - the 2 bbls & a grist of wh't was sent to mill by J. Rog. who carr'd a bbl of cid. to N's still - the rye was for Mrs Parsons and she had paid for the same - carried the skin to Ballard's. Settled, in the evening, with Ab Brown who was indebted to us to the am't of \$3.17 - agreed if he's pay cash to throw off 17" - took a note for the full am't. J. Rog's pared apps for the ladies who were making sauce.







Wild- SATURDAY, NOV. 9 Unpleas't & cloudy - cleared up at night. Wild geese  
geese. were seen glying over, apparently lost to themselves.  
Brown. The wall was pursued with spirit. Henry worked for Brown helping him make  
cider at Norton's - worked on his own acc't.

SUNDAY, NOV. 10 Fair & chilly - wind somewhere - Time chiefly employed  
in fixing up & writing - casting figures &c. Several  
Church. members were added to the Church this day - among whom were S.Fay's lady,  
S. FAY Jun'r & Mrs Leonard the minister's wife.

MONDAY, NOV. 11 Fine for business - tho' there prevailed a very chilly  
wind from S.E. - cloudy too. Until noon all hands,  
Justin included, were employed at walling - P.M. father continued it, but  
the boys including Ed Robinson carted off small stones from the stubble  
Mrs Craw- land W. of the barn - Settled accounts over again with Mrs Crawford & found  
ford's that a mistake against her of \$1. had been made in the first week reckoning  
account. which was now amply rectified - owed her now \$2.00

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Nov. In the eve'g settled acc'ts at L.Norton's - found due for 1821 62 gals & 3  
1822 qts brandy - and for 1822 after deducting 9 gals 1 qt & pt for ware ~~\$4.93~~  
(\$4.93) 146-1-0 - Talked over many old things, bo't a wash bowl at 1/0 &  
Settl'mt came home. On the 4th I stated the cider carried to the still too high -  
at Nortonsit should be 46 bbls 22 gallons - and the quantity made was only ab't 67  
bbls 23 gs.

Grain Statement of Grain etc raised by B.Harwood, 1822  
raised Spring wheat .....2-1/4 acres ..... 724 Shieves  
this Rye .....9 do 3 fields 2193 lightish  
season. Oats .....6 do 2 do 1181  
17-1/4 Eng.Grain 4098  
Corn, pretty good 3-1/2 do 100 bushels  
Potatoes, good 1-3/4 do 350 do  
Ind. Corn & Potatoes 5 do  
Hay, 1822 34 do ...abt 40 tons  
Corn stalks cut to the bottom - good - equal to 4 tons  
Cider - made about 67 bbls of which carried of our own 41 to the still  
Products Dairy, 13 cows - some came in very late - some farrow - (fatted one)  
kept 14 -  
Made sixty cheeses which would average say 23 lbs - 1280 lbs;  
Had sold to various persons 417 lbs amt'g to as good as ..... 33.23  
Do - butter - Sept '23 to Nov 14, 256-1/2 lbs mostly at 1/0.... 40.89  
Of the butt'r 44-1/2 only went at 0/9 add 83-10 oz sold in  
Summer ..... 10.45  
Then we will say total am't of butter sold since May 18 \$ 84.57  
339. 2 oz - \$51.34

A summary view of the dairy may be seen in 1821 by turning to p. 315  
# During summer had sold to Bisbee 10 lambs for which he paid 13.50  
and this fall 4, 2 yr olds & I, 3 do at \$3 pr h'd - am'td to ..... 78.50  
All had been rec'd except \$20. .... Total catt'e & lambs ..... 91.00  
Our cash receipts from Aug 3 1821 to Aug 3 1822 were -----\$417.25  
Do expenses do 415.14  
2.11

# Bisbee had sixteen lambs, \$21.00 that to the whole am'td  
to \$99.50

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Nov. From Nov 1821 to Oct 26 1822 sold 77-3/4 gs brandy at 50" - \$38.87 3/4  
1822 rec'd pay in some sort or other for most of it, but in cash got only ab't  
\$10. Raised in 1822, 124 bbls rye - sold 45 - mostly at 3/0 \$15.34  
The present year, had a very short crop of flax on 3/4 acre -  
61 lbs seed \$6.00 Of stock raised this season only 4 calves - sold all







our lambs, no colts, but 3 pigs - there were 4, one of which died at several weeks old - bo't 2 of J.Rog. which made 5 good fellows. Our fattening hogs were said to be in excellent condition - promised to average upw'd of 350 a piece - 5 in number. Paying up old arrearages & meeting present wants took off money as fast as rec'd - were I a ready & correct account't a page or two more might be filled with such statements as the above, but as the case is, I must content myself with what is already exhibited, hoping it may be of some use toward forming future calculations.

TUESDAY, NOV. 12 Singularly cloudy all day - fine misty rain P.M. - increased to a gret rain in the night. Father com-  
 Wall pleated his wall this side Parsons' - rails all carried away - stones carted for the wall & off the field - quitted the latter business on account of wet - Henry went to shaving whip-stock - Mr Brown came over for particular business. Justin worked only a while in the morning - spent his day chiefly getting garments out out - Settled butter & cheese bill  
 Fassett with Fassett - found due me \$11.43 which he p'd in full. He would allow but 7" for the cheese of which there was only 38-1/4 lbs. Called to see Mrs Merrill who was again in gr't want of butter - promised to supply her Mentioned that perhaps she might do better than to buy our cheese at 8 or 0/6 pr lb - she replied that she considered it a very fair price - not unreasonable at all. The races at W.Creek formed a subject for conversation among those who were present at Fassett's - Muddy ugly travelling. Fassett paid us this year more than \$22. for butter & cheese.

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Nov. WEDNESDAY, NOV. 13 Very cloudy - foggy on the m'ts, chilly from S.E.  
 1822 Had 2 teams, Brown's being one of them, carting off small stones from the field W. of the barn - J.Rog. assisted - Ed Robinson also for whom a pair of new boots were finished. Apples were pared in the eve'g for drying.

THURSDAY, NOV. 14 Wet - more or less rainy all day - poured hard at night from N.W. Business not very driving at home.  
 M.Street Went to E.Waters' - at Hendryx's paid Melissa Street in full according  
 Whiting. to her state't, 67 cents - Dined with Mr Waters - J.Whitney was masoning  
 Settled for him - said he came from Col. County, N.Y. and was formerly acquainted  
 with Frost with J.West who did not sustain the fairest character in that quarter.  
 Settled with J.Frost to whom found due \$17.78 - our acc't was \$17.77.  
 Goods At vendue of goods belonging to the estate of Lyman Thayer, by W.Haswell  
 bo't. administrator, bo't 1/2 doz dining plates - 41 cents - 1 lb tea 63" - pepper & spice 1 lb each - 66" - total \$1.70 - Wallace was clerk - There were among those present, C.Cushman, J.Hicks, Steb Walbridge, Will'd Green T.C.Parsons, D.Clark, Jas Hubbell, O. Abell, A.Hyde, Gen Robinson & more I do not recollect. Returned home & talked over business.

FRIDAY, NOV. 15 A very fine day, but chilly in the m'g. There had fallen a very great rain, perhaps more than at any time since Spr'g. Omitted mentioning on the 14th that in consequence of  
 Company Capt Gr Blackmer having been elected Lieut Col lately, his company was led  
 training to the choice of a capt. & other officers - Jed Dewey chosen Capt without opposition - tho' not present - A.D.Rob'n Lieut  $\frac{3}{4}$  M.L. or S.Nort'n ensign - more I cannot write. This 15th of Nov'r I passed unprofitably -  
 Goods gallanted Sally & Damia to the stores of F.Blackmer & H.Robinson - at the former they bo't to the am't of \$2.27 - at the latter \$2.16 - all paid except 27" to Blackmer. Rec'd from







Nov. 1822 Goods bo't

Mr Bisbee tow'd cattle \$10. Bo't of Wm Haswell 1 lb wick - 38" - two cotton handkershiefs - 58" - 1 doz Liverpool Muffins - \$. - penknife 25" & 1 ooaf of sugar, 9 lbs 6 oz - \$1.67 which altogether including what was bo't on the 14th & 11 spoons \$1.19, amt'd to \$6.70 - Paid in full. After it was all over reflected a little on the manner in which my money had been expended - so much for so little - hard earned, easily spent - money comes hard but goes easy from gumps like myself. It is a stirring world - nothing lasts long without some sort of change - them that have, must lose - that have not, must want. Saw Mr Harmon Jun with his lady who was buying goods - talked respecting butter, cheese & pork - the 2d he would not dispose of here under 10" cents per lb - the last he tho't if it weighed 350 might be worth at the river \$6.00 pr hund. Got a pail at Pool's that had been mended - p'd for it 0/9 - was at the P.O. awhile - came home with Parsons Henry & Justin chopped down a big oak - sawed 2 cuts - had some ill luck sawing - saw dull - I went to Frank's & bo't a new file for 50" - uncle Gid. R. present - said it was a good one. Played the flute. Visited Hall & Blackmer's office - called at E.W's - Saw Dr S. who came to visit M. Debar who was some sick. David Worthington of W. Sprig Springfield, M's tarried here - in health - See Oct. 1820. J. Rog bro't from the still a hhd containing 113 g's brandy. Father made a four feet gate to go into the N. yard &c.

SATURDAY, NOV 16 Fine & warm indeed. Mr Worthington this morning departed in peace & friendship - followed farming for a living at present. Rather more than a 100 gall's of cid. brandy was run into the cellar - father was busy about his new gate-way. Our boys had the misfortune to break John Rog's axe. Business went so badly that it caused low spirits.

Nov. 1822 Arm-strong. Sherwood

SUNDAY, NOV. 17 Warm & fine. Busy writing making out statements of our affairs as exhibited p. 318. Prosper Arm-strong came here & received his father's Encyclopedia books. My father returning from meeting was informed by Sr Swift that the Sherwoods had contracted to sell their pork in Lansingburgh; thought it a good chance to go and get ours in with theirs. On this business Jonathan in the eve'g paid a visit to Mr L.S. & family - he promised to do the best he could for us as he was going there next day.

Brandy lost.

Joel Clark.

MONDAY, NOV. 18 Very cloudy - boisterous wind - rained hard at night. Boys in the woods. Father & myself worked at the slab-shelter in the barnyard - preparing for winter. Jonathan did business for us at the still & grist mill - at the former carried a bbl partly filled with Brandy in order to receive enough more to fill it full - but by my neglecting to let him know what was in it it was turned on the ground for water - so we suppose we lost say 8 gallons - all for want of half a word from me. Thus do we get rid of property - hard to scrape together, but easily dissipated & blown about by adverse winds. Rode in haste to town hoping to find H. Dimmick there, to engage him to come & butcher my next day - but he had gone home before my arrival there - came home accompanied by Almon Ovaitt who was very sociable. Mr Joel Clark, one of my father's cousins, came to pay him a visit from Shelburne, M's.

TUESDAY, NOV. 19 Some cool - very cloudy - w'd N.W. Started early for Capt Dimmick's - called at friend Luman's - sold him the file mentioned towards the end of Friday - to be paid in ware for the same I gave. Arrived at Dimmick's by about 8 - engaged Hor. as I wished - talked - breakfasted - left there as the bell was







Dimmicks ringing for 9 - my friend went to his work E. of his father's building causeway - took my way straight over to the main road S. of Green's old Reynold's house.

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Nov. 1822 Walked some distance with a gentleman or I may say by the side of his 1 h. wag. in which he carried a lady - bound to Peru - E. of Manchester - said he been to Sunderland, M's - found everything that farmer's sell very low and dull. Preparation was made for butchering. Boys ground up axes, Rog's axe being one of them - Welch having fixed it over since Friday - Rode out to Mr L. Sherwood's - arrived there by sunset - eve'g apples were pared - assisted slowly myself. Benj'n Allen & 3 others in his employ were quarrying stone for building wall the ensuing seas'n. Allen had been in an unlucky law-suit in (Petersburgh) Berlin - lost \$15 or \$20 - calculated to pursue it no farther.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 20 Mild & very cloudy. Visited Lyman's young school during the day A.M. and found them making fine progress in their studies - was pleased with the mode of teaching Grammar & Arithmetic by way of question & answer because they must eventually know the why's & wherefores' of the whole matter in hand. Read the Sentinel of Nov. 18 - found nothing very interesting - felt extremely uneasy - P.M. walked down the road toward's Mapletown Meeting house - with within half a mile of which met the Sherwood's on their return from Lansingburgh - They had bargained away our pork on the same conditions they had sold theirs - thus - for that which would average 340 lbs - \$5.62-1/2 - and for that which would average 360 - \$5.75 - Mr A. Sherwood's 8 averaged 446 - the lightest 409 - heaviest 558 lbs - the whole being somewhere about 3500 lbs. I now made ready immediately for returning home - agreeing to be at their house by next day noon, the time at which they meant to be ready to start with uncle Lem's pork for Lansingburgh. On the road this side Mr Vails' Mr Jemmy Rule, the old Arlington mason happened to fall in company with me - was very full of chat - At gen'l Rob's saw Montague - found when I got home the two hogs handsomely dressed - weighed, female, 400 - male 364 lbs - Those who assisted were Dimmick, Parsons, Kent, Dunc - father & our boys.

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Nov. 1822 THURSDAY, NOV. 21 Very rainy, muddy, cloudy - unpleasant. Early in the morning word was bro't from Mr S's by one of his sons that their butchering had been all compleated by 12 at night, that I must be at the Four Corners this morning by sunrise - So I hastened off as fast as possible - taking every precaution my situation would admit of against the inclemency of the weather. Could not overtake my company till arrived at Snyder's at the 11 mile stone. Rested & baited a little while & then put forward again - found travelling unpleasant enough - arrived at that dirty town, Lansingburgh, before sunset - had our pork weighed under the eye of Inspector Atwood - very fairly I presume - Mr L. Sherwood's 8 weighed upwards of 3000 lbs & averaged over 380 - mine by hanging in the air nearly 24 hours lost considerably in weight - the heaviest 384, the other 347 - making in all 731 lbs - the former being 32 & the latter 18 months old. When we came to settle with Mr N. Squires' cl'k, he being absent at N.Y. he informed that they ran so low for cash that he must beg the Sherwood's to receive due bills for the amount due them - without much hesitation they complied. I was asked to do the same but considering it of such minor importance as not to make any particular difference with their pecunisry affairs, chose to receive my pay down which was readily counted out in Lansingb'h money chiefly, \$42.02 Mr A.S. had a note for about \$205. & Mr L.S. another for say \$175. Bo't 2 bbls fine salt at \$0.75 - paid for the same & led by my companions came up the old Lansingb'h road which turns out this side the Methodist Meet-







ing house - travelling this way till we came to Mr Snyder's - during this ride of ten miles it rained pretty hard nearly all the way - our motion was pretty lively - the surrounding fog & the fog of our horses altho' there was a small moon above the clouds, much obscured the way, at times rendering it an irksome business indeed. At Mr S's due attention was paid us & we were soon made snug & comfortable.

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Nov. 1822 Herenwer four jovial souls indeed herded together - Capt Tipping of the late U.S. Army - an old Irish Paddy, pedlar, Jacob Oudicork of Hoosick and another gentleman whose name nor occupation I did not learn, employed the whole eve'g till after we retired, drinking, singing songs, telling stories &c. Our captain was a man of handsome language, easy address - fine abilities, but had abused his talents most shamefully; - By being wounded in the war of 1812, became a pensioner. Oudicork could sing a good song, laugh heartily, lift stoutly, but had led a bad life - his father had paid debts for him till he would do so no longer - he was over thirty - capt T. said he was a little past forty one - Of the other characters I can give no account, as I had none from others - from their actions & company we might safely conjecture what they were. Next morning I saw Oudicork bring in a doz or two or more of canfiles with which to pay his bill to his landlord.

FRIDAY, NOV. 22 Very cldy - some chilly - raining toward eve'g - and at night - mud deep in many places - ground drenched with water. Left Snyder's in tolerable season having rec'd good & cheap fare at his house. Saw L. Jewett & Mr Galv'n Bingham on the road - they, however, drove faster than we chose to. On the little hill beyond Man John Mul- Shaw's - picked up a young Irishman & his lady who left Ireland in May ington. last. They were going to Hunt's Furnace to work - very lively & sociable- Cash paid paid 25" for riding to our meeting house. I left with Mrs Swift forty two Dr Swift. dollars to be endorsed on the Brown note - Semantha was present, at dinner. Reached home between 1 & 2 P.M. Father & boys in the woods.

Wood. SATURDAY, NOV. 23 It had been a most unpleas't night, but this day, altho' very cldy in general, yet the sun shewed himself several times before it ended. Worked with father splitting the big oak - Henry & Justin chopped down & cut up a number of trees - mostly beech. Our intention was now to have our wood cut up ready to sled in winter.

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Nov. 1822 SUNDAY, NOV. 24 Ground froze, this m'g - held cold & cldy all day - wind N.W. - Very busy writing - so likewise was Damia who Letter to addressed a letter to Theodosia of Attica, N.Y. Capt Brown & Isaac his Theodo- nephew arrived from Connecticut. J. Rogers' eye grew no better. sia.

Froze. MONDAY, NOV. 25 Freezing cold in the morning - surface of the ground made as solid as adamant - Before night a severe S. wind extracted the frost & had it not been so damp & chilly might have passed for mild weather. The business of Saturday was continued by the E. Waters same hands. E. Waters & daughters Caroline & Delia visited here this ev'g Canada To a poor man, who stated that he was on a long journey from some place in man go- Canada to Chenengo Co., N.Y. had lost one of his horses, was soliciting alms from the people to enable him to purchase another we gave fifty cen Chenango cents without knowing whether his tale was founded in truth or not. On the 18th settled an account of \$9.96 with Mrs Pierce, late Miss . Weaving M. Thayer - for weaving - found ourselves indebted to the am't of \$4.35 - handed her a five dollar bill which she engaged to get changed at F. Black mers' & leave the balance with him for us.







TUESDAY, NOV. 26 Chilly winds - flying clds - fine weather for business.

All weede hands in the woods again. This eve'g feeling a Pope disposition to read some of "Pope's Essay on Man" went to the book case to take worksit down an lo, it was not there nor could it be found anywhere in the house.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 27 Fine & fair - gr'd frozen in the m'g - The boys worked in the woods - Before they went away the cider-mill was dismantled & snugly placed under cover. Father & I were engaged in preparing in various ways for winter - a henroost was partly finished. Two o'clock P.M. went in quest of Ward Warren who had staid here on the night of the 21st - next morning when he left here it was supposed he took "Pope's Poetical Work's" with him. Learned at Mr Eldred's that he bore a very bade name - that it was no new trick for him to hook things

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Nov. 1822 At Mr Bucks informed James of my business - said nothing to his (the boys) mother respecting the affair, for I found it was of no use to attempt following him further - such a straggler was he - such the life that he led. Saw at B's E.B. Granger making shoes - on my way back called at Mr Carpenter's & saw two fine girls spinning wool - they had seen neither the boy nor book - but gave him a bad name. Went to Loomis' to know what Adeline schooling amounted to, the present season - her bill was at Luman's - they were taking tea there. At L's found the am't to be for 116 days - \$1.78 - He deducted from it the money due me from the District on account of my share 88 cents which left me in debt to Miss Loomis \$00.90 - the 88" was money which he held in his hands drawn by the Dis't from the town for the support of schools - see p.236 - Parsons here this eve'g.

THURSDAY, NOV. 28 Wind s. fresh - very cldy - rained at n't. The boys were in the woods 2/3ds the day. Our roost was completed. Near night visited town - stayed a short time at the Prn'g O. - talked a good while at M. & R's off'e with Capt Truman & J.W. Pitt concerning Hunt & his furnace - which establishm't Capt T. seemed to think rested on very sure ground. Went into Hicks' old dining room in which an arbitration was going on between Mr Lyman of Shaftsbury & the wid. of the late J. Boardman of Troy, N.Y. - heard the conclusion of Gov Galusha's testimony - could not get a chance to speak with Col. Merrill - left there & went to F. B's store - bo't nothing - went on to Dr S's - saw F. Morg. - borrowed 2d V. of Plut's Lives - came home - read newsp'r - churned cream to butter - went to J.R's - played on B. Hand's violin which went well. J. had had a few app's pared - some dancing ensued - Parsons assisted in it.

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Dec'r 1822 FRIDAY, NOV. 29 Good weather - mild & muddy. No chopp'g going on this day. Justin assisted us in getting out manure from under the W. stable floor, clearing the bardyard of stones & laying down the floor again. Henry helped Jonathan butcher a yearling pig which he named "Old Green" because he bo't it of the old man. It weighed 176 lbs - handsome pork - but small in size - was a poor stunted pig. A letter written by Demia to Theodosia of Attica was deposited in the P.O. by J. Rog's post p'd.

SATURDAY, NOV. 30 Rainy & very wet from S.W. We threshed 4-1/2 bhls rye from about 130 shieves. Justin read Child'n of the Abbey - Hebry pursued his fiddling. At night I played the flute - read Plutarch's Fables - & for the amusement of our ladies & Justin perused till very late a few Chapt's in the latter part of the 1st V. of the Ch. of the Abby.







SUNDAY, DEC 'R (2d) 1st Had rained powerfully all night & it continued raining all the morning, tho' much less violently - the gr'd was now well soaked - steams full - springs & wells abundantly suppl'd - Storm finally over - the wind in the eve'g blew high from N.W. Previous to this cattle subsisted comfortably on grass, nor had there been but few freezing nights up to the present date. Something was read in Plutarch. Posted books for J.Rog's whose acc't in shoemaking was \$24.24 against B. Harwood. Mr Welch paid us a visit to see about having a grist of rye. Father attended meeting. J.Rog. in the eve'g visited Algiers with Damia & Catherine. J.Martindale went home - had paid him all off in full \$46.66 for 7 months labor. Owed him in board for 8 days chopping &c.

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DEC 'R 1822 MONDAY, DEC 'R 2 Ground frozen hard this m'g - Wind W. - chilly - grew colder P.M. B.Harwood & son rode out in the big wag. Called on Col Merrill who p'd tow'd butter & cheese \$10. At Pickett's traded to the am't of 37-1/2 cents. In Algiers left grist at the mill - went on as far as Colvin's - slighted - secured horses - went in - paid two dollars & 1" to Mr Colvin to balance the company acc'ts as mentioned p.265 We proceeded for the furnace on foot - when arrived against Judge Fay's bridge went to view the thing - found it substantial but too narrow, according to our judgment - his hired men were getting out wood geady to draw in good sledding. At the furnace were highly entertained with the great works there going on, which, however, for want of time & language to convey ideas adequate to the purpose, I shall not attempt to describe. We went with no other view than to gratify curiosity & that was in no way detracted from. The grand stack was almost ready to receive the fire, but their casting house was not raised, nor their other buildings nearly finished, much remained to be done ere they could put the furnace in blast. The tubs intended for bellows astonished us until informed for what they were made. Many hands were busy in various ways - hastening the completion of the grand plan. Viewed the ruins of Sage's old forge & everything connected with it - giving rise to many melancholy ideas of vanity of all human calculations. Saw Mr Welch in a blacksmith's shop - informed him of bringing 2 bhls rye to mill for him. We returned to Colvin's where L sat down & gave an order on the Norton's to Colvin for 6 qts brandy to balance an account which he held against us - Left it with his daughter  $\frac{3}{4}$  Saw Mr C. only once & that was in the furnace road. In Algiers father (see p.265)

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DEC 'R 1822 went to Mr Godfrey's - found L.Adams at the woolen factory - at my request he sent for his books in order to a settlement - the boy however bro't only his ledger - His charges for Carding in 1821 amounted to \$3.87 which he said was at the rate of 6" per lb - mine for the same year came to \$4. - leaving due me 12" - His account of carding in 1822 amt'd to \$3.59 at 7" pr lb - Not suspecting the man's disposition - said but little respecting his prices, asked him if that was his fixed price for the present year to which he replied in the affirmative - presuming that he was upright & not disposed to do wrong - walked over to Safford's store & paid this amost soul-less man a balance of three dollars forty seven cents & passed receipts with him. Next day, on inquiry, learned that the cash price of other carders for common wool, such as ours, was from 3 to 4 cts per lb - if Mr A. had always charged us five no fault would have been found - but for him to take advantage of my ignorance this way wounded my feelings keenly - I did not take pains to inform myself as to prices because I presumed the man had a conscience - the sum was of little consequence, but the treatment I would be at which unfolded such a vile disposition as kindled every spark of resentment in me. It seems because he calculated not to run his machine another year he cared not how unjustly he might deal -







Goods.

many of his customers I suppose he sued - of some he had one price & of others another price. Father drove home by himself. I called at Frank's, bo't 1 lb tea at 4/0 & 10 yd's cott. cloth - pd for all including a small balance due for other goods - \$2.39 Viewed Dr S's new Cyclopedia just bound.

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TUESDAY, DEC'R 3 Snowed moderately till past noon - cloudy - to the end of the day - freezing night - perhaps the snow might be 2 inches thick - Went to J.Hinsdill's factory to get some fulled cloth & settle an account, - rode in I h. wagon. to S.Rob's accompanied by J.Rog left them there & in company with cousin Edwin walked the remainder of the distance. *J.Hinsdill?* Mr Haswell's account amounted to \$5.72 from which he deducted 25 cents in consideration of receiving ready pay. At D.Clark's I received in cash \$2 and a note against Hartwell to Clark of \$4.38 (upon which there had been entered a small endorsement) payable in work - this he desired me to present to Hartwell towards what I owed him, and if it should not go so far as cash, promised to make it up to me. I did so - Mr H. hesitated, but finally endorsed on it \$2.47 - talked awhile respecting the carding business of the result of which is mentioned p.330 - took a receipt in full of Mr Hartwell for five dollars forty seven cents and returned to uncle Sam's. J.Rog. having received some poultry - we came to C.H. hill - transacted some business there - returned said note to Clark - saw & talked with E.Montague. At Frank's store bo't a pictured handkerchief for Adeline for 8" - At Dr S's office saw F.Morgan reading one of the V's of the Cyclopedia - returned a small piece of money which I had borrowed of him. We had now begun to fodder regularly our cattle. Eve's Henry & Jonathan assisted at killing fowls for Thanksgiving

Morgan.

WEDNESDAY, DEC'R 4 Chilly & cloudy - wind S. the floor of the E.stable was new modelled in very comfortable style. Jon.

Novel-  
reading.

went to mill - Hen. went with him. Justin visited here at night - read to him & our ladies the conclusion of the 1st Vol. of the C. of the Abby.

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Peters.

THURSDAY, DEC'R 5 Not very cold - cloudy - freezing night a slight snow on the ground. Father went to hear Mr Peters who was said to have preached a curious sort of sermon - making out almost too much fair weather in the political & religious horizon of this jarring world. My time was much taken up in mending affairs at the barn. At supper on the other side of the house they entertained H.Debar, J.Martindale and Dan'l Hand - the latter having with him a pretty decent violin - On our part nobody joined us - Debar, J. & Dan Hand went to a ball at Libeus Barney's, held there P.M. & ev'g. J.Rog's entertained his wife's father, mother - Miss Ab. G. - her brother Pitts & one of Mrs Whitney's little boys. On the evening of the 4th inst Mr J.House was married to Miss Sophia Billing by A.Robinson Esq'r - the former aged , the latter 38.

Martin-  
dale.

FRIDAY, DEC'R 6 Cold, freezing N.W. wind - flying clds - Board fence mended & a small gate to the N. yard hinged. Nath'l Robinson & his sister Emily visited here this P.M. & evening. Justin went off early this m'g to Pownal - Henry continued with us.

SATURDAY, DEC'R 7 Chilly S.wind - grew mild - cloudy. In town saw a good many people - carried to D.Clark's ten lbs butter - found him engaged at butchering - he & Capt Trumann had joined forces to kill 3 hogs - J.Rice & Ira Haynes, chief butchers - Clark had now rec'd 30 lbs butter at 1/0 & paid \$4.47 towards it. At Fassett's talked a good while with friend Montague concerning an affair- was about







buying him a place - could not pay us anything till next spring. Bisbee, who owed us about 21 doll's, was not ready to pay - Traded a little at Blackmer's where on my presenting \$1.50 ~~untica~~ Ontario bank bill it was condemned as counterfeit in his opinion.

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*Champney*

Smith  
Crawford

P. Brown.

Young J. Hinsdill being present to whom I mentioned that I received it at a store in Lansingburgh next door left of Norman Squires' - but did not learn the man's name - he & Mr B. too I think said his name was John C. or John G. Filkin where I bo't 2 bbls fine salt as mentioned p. 324 - If I mistake not the money which I handed over to them was a five dollar note on the Phoenix branch bank at Litchfield, C't & in exchange gave me a 1 dol bill on Columbia bank - one dollar Lansingburgh & the above mentioned one dollar & fifty cent bill, Ontario - Left Blackmer with a demand of 23" against me for glass & shaving soap - Saw Frost & Champney together - the former agreed to receive of us a quarter of beef - the latter put in my hands an order on Patchin's store for \$3.33 payable in goods, to give to J. Rogers. I gave it him. C. informed me of his future prospects which were presented to him in taking Dr H. Swift's farm in the neighborhood of the E. Robinson farm. News came to town this day that Smith Crawford, a man about my age, in a fit of insanity, had cut his throat in a most shocking manner in the night of the 4th inst on Pownal dug-way - was now at J.B. Norton's at the foot of P. mountain. His family consisted of a wife & more than 5 children. Our C. Court was in session - went into the chamber but once this P.M. Capt Brown and his nephew had lately arrived from Charlotte

SUNDAY, DEC'R 8 Chilly S. wind - became moderate at night. Wrote some as usual - Read of Coriolanus & Timoleon in Plutarch - the former did not suit - the latter I was much delighted with. Father being ill was absent from Church - Lydia attended. Miss Clar. Loomis paid us a short but extremely visit this ev'g - paid her the balance mentioned p. 327. Neighbor Parsons came to visit here this evening.

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Parsons

Drawing  
wood.

Dimmick

Brown

MONDAY, DEC'R 9 Tolerably fair & growing mild - wind SW. Agreeable to request from Mrs Parsons who this morning came up to talk with me about it - agreed to keep her cow for her a few weeks for cash - she likewise wished me to get her a load of wood from the wood-lot of Gen Robinson - this was done - got yje first I could find for it was very ugly drawing it in a waggon - it was chiefly taken from an old maple that had been blown down some months since - Had not time nor very good means to go to a certain ash which Parsons had obtained leave to take. This load was pivked up a short distance S.W. of the place where the brook runs under the rocks - H. Debar assisted - Andrew Parsons was with us. Besides the foregoing a beech sled runner was cut abd drawn home. An errand detained me very agreeably awhile at Kent's this eve'g. Dimmick came back from Dr Swift's whose hogs he had been butchering, in order to tarry with us & do ours on the morrow - He entertained us with much lively talk. Our friend A. Brown butchered 8 hogs on the 4th inst.

Dimmick

TUESDAY, DEC'R 10 Fine & mild - some few clouds. Three swine were butchered - Horace Dimmick chief butcher. They were elegantly cut up by him ready for packing before night fall. What he did on the 20th ult & this day he called 1-1/2 days labor for which I endorsed one dollar and fifty cents on the note which he gave me Dec 22, 1822  
J. Rog & Hen Debar assisted. Fine pork - weighed thus ----  
John Doty came to see us a short time - talked of going to  
Wilmington

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WEDNESDAY, DEC'R 11 Mild & thawy - very fair tow'd eve'g. Pork was packed - gates put in order &c. Hen joined J.Rog. in a dry hunt. Mrs Street & Mrs Waters visited our ladies. Parsons here this evening.

Road petition. THURSDAY, DEC'R 12 As pleasant & almost as warm as Sept. John Norton Jun presented a petition to be handed in to the county court for having a

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335 committee appointed to see about altering the County road between Dr N. Swift's & Capt J.Norton's, for our signatures - which we readily gave. J. Rog. signed it - most of our neighbors had done the same - John was on his way to Shaftsbury & White Creek - from the former place he bro't 22 h'd of two yr old cattle - bo't of S.Hinsdill - administrator of the estate of his late brother Norman H. - at \$9. pr hund. J.Rog's assisted him in driving. Carried Damia to F.B's store's where she traded on an order from G. Godfrey Sr obtained of J.Rog. On the hill bo't putty 2 lbs at Pickett's for 25" - charged - for I could get no money of anyone. Took out a letter at the P.O. from Sally's folks at Branford, C't - 18-1/2" postage - which for the same reason could not pay - the letter contained no bad news - Saw many standing about Wallace's store sunning themselves, among whom were S.Rob, Sen'r, Saff'd Rob., G.Caldwell &c. Spoke with the former - Visited the Court chamber a few moments - they were trying the cause between Capt Thatcher & Mrs Thomas - Just took a peep at the books in Clark's new store & then started for home - at Frost's saw Bisbe who made excuses about not paying money due - At Waters' took in Damia & shortly reached home. Father had sawed asunder an old fanning mill - at short notice, having horses & wag. ready tackled, we started off & pounded over rough road to Capt Dimmick's - Pown'l - found the Capt thrashing corn - friend Horace seemed to be at leisure - & after taking a glass of cider with him, discoursing of this & that in the bargain, he took us down E. over his new causeway into his father's swamp where he procured some excellent white oak pin-timber to be used in making our sled which we were to build out of a sawed pair of runners with which he now furnished us - Viewed the farm some, for it is a pleasant one, returned to the house - talked awhile respecting ministers - drank more cider - got into our wag. and reached home before dark. Read Pelopidas this eve'g.

Visit at Dimmicks

FRIDAY, DEC'R 13 Chilly, S.W.wind - storm exp'd - Drew 4 wag. loads oak wood with the oxen. Eve'g posted books for J. Rog. - J.Martindale tarried with us. Lydia read Lord Mortimer.

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Dec'r 1822 SATURDAY, DEC'R 14 Thick clouds - some rainy - wind strong S.W. - very muddy. Drew 4 loads more of oak - split - 4 & 6 feet long - Read Marcellus some, & by request several pages in the C. of the Abby.

J.Rog. SUNDAY, DEC'R 15 Freezing - very rough - high wind from N.W. Perused Plutarch in Marcellus which pleasingly engrossed my attention - felt sorry to have him end so badly - Hannibal honored the great man. Evening - posted books & made out accounts for J.Rogers - Justin came down from his father's in Pownal to commence boarding here. Late. J.Hand & Hector Gulliver paid us a short visit. Father having a hard cold prevents his hearing Peter's this day. Parsons here at night.







MONDAY, DEC 'R 16 Very cold - ground extremely rough. We regulated affairs in the woods against good sledding - drew down a load of oak - chained a wheel. Ended the day covering our potato stock in the garden with a load coat of horse manure. J.Martindale Jun began to go to school to Charles Brown - preceptor of our District. J.Rog & H.Deb butch'd Pars's hog

TUESDAY, DEC 'R 17 Moderate, cldy - very lli. sbow. Woked in the woods hauling out such as had been cut in bad places to smooth ground. With J.Rog. visited town - carried to Col Merrill 17-3/4 lbs butt & received cash \$3.00 John W.Pitt was shut into close jail. At the Wallace store saw Welch, M.L.Selden & others talking about law affairs. At the office obtained the Gazette in which was the President's Message. Paid Pickett for what was bo't of him on the 12 - 25" - & to W. Haswell 12-1/2" postage on a letter from Branford, C't. Called at Carpenters' & got lists to nail on doors. At Blackmer's paid up a little arrear age of 25" - Mr Bisbee came past here this day - said he tho't he might pay us by Saturday next. Eve'g read newspapers &c.

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Dec'r 1822 WEDNESDAY, DEC 'R 18 Pretty fair & mild forenoon - grew cold & cldy P.M. Wind S.W. Father & Mr Kent worked at repairing ox-sled putting in new runner, raves &c. At F.Blackmer's bo't an inch & a 3/4 auger & paid for both 75" - J.Rog. bo't at Ballards' a sheepskin for me for 25" I furnished the cash - At Frank's saw my old friend S.H.Blackmer, a few moments - Called on E.Waters to see if he would pay J.Frost \$2.10 which he owed towards pork bo't in Nov or Dec 1821 - found him unwilling to do it. In the evening I went to his house to settle with him, but as he was absent returned to Dr S's and looked at his great books awhile. Went back to W's with H.Debar - found him busy looking up his account against the Estate of Daniel McEowen - tomorrow being the last day for receiving accounts by the commissioners - had not time to settle with me - put it off till Saturday night. Late read some in Cato.

Kent THURSDAY, DEC 'R 19 Rained powerfully in the night & till late this mg - PM moderate & cloudy. Father & Mr Kent put together a horse-sled. I went to Algiers - halted awhile at A.Norton's shop - visited Abell's shop - found Brad. Godfrey at work there alone. Bo't at Safford's store 1/4 lb tea for 18" & pair of suspenders for 20" - paid for both. Mr Gabey agreed with me for a bbl of cider & 1/2 gal cid. brandy for \$1.50 - Carried to Miss Stewart at Stern's bonnet stuff for rigging out Sally with a bonnet, but being afflicted with St Anthony's fire she could not tell when the work would be finished - Saw Washington's Mon't by Benj O.Tyler - went on to uncle Jo Nort's & tried for a settlement, but they were unprepared - Charles was able to work - they were regulating one of their clocks. At Ballard's, where a new son had just come to town, bo't on acc't 13-1/4 lbs soal leather at 28" pr lb. Asked Capt Hill's for a settle't, but he was unprepared. At F.Blackmer's store found Col Norton talking with Mr Godfrey - it happened that he had his acc't book with him, having just been

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Dec'r 1822 at wid. McEowen's settling with estate of her husband - I settled with the Col. in a very short time. His charges amounted to \$5.36 - ours for veal in 1820 - \$1.80 which added to what was due on sett. same yr \$3.18 made \$4.98 - left due him 0.38 - but there was one article not entered on book which was not now reckoned for want of fair recollection. Joseph Davis when he left town in 1820 owed us \$1. which he agreed should be paid by Col N. and this was then verbally understood between him & me, but not having my book with me could not tell but that it was included in the settl't







Settle't for that year - found after I came home it was not - therefore it brought  
 with O.C. them in debt 0.62" ,ade settl't with Col Merrill & rec'd a note of him,  
 Merrill including \$1.52 of the present y'rs acc't, - for \$19. John Knapp had with  
 him a paper for getting subscribers to open a road to Somerset - much was  
 said of the vast importance of Hunt's undertaking. At Pickett's rec'r &  
 paid for 1/2 lb salt-petre 12-1/2" Of F.Blackmer & Co bo't & paid for  
 1/4 lb tea 17" - Brown's son being there on horse b(kbrought my leather  
 for me as far as Brown's. Eve'g posted books for J.Rog. He.Debar by or-  
 der of the ladies bo't at Frank's I pa'r pins for 0/9 - paid - I furnished  
 D.Clark the cash. Received of Darius Clark a three dollar Phoenix (Hartford) bill  
 of which \$1.53 was in full for 30 lbs butter (p.331) the other went toward  
 cheese.

FRIDAY, DEC'r 20 Chilly & cloudy. Busy ab't ash house & other affairs.

SATURDAY, DEC'R 21 Cloudy & rough - snowed a very little. Father contin-  
 ued building & patching. Henry drew a jag of wood for  
 Parsons - assisted by the man himself. Justin chopped wood for C.Brown.  
 Mr House' Jonathan rode to H. Falls - said that Dan Kenyon was lately married to an  
 boy. Armstrong girl. I was in a measure sick all day. This day was announced  
 to Mr Joseph House a son  $\frac{3}{4}$  see Dec 5 -

SUNDAY, DEC'R 22 Fair & anchilly. Sent H.Debar to G.Bennett's, Pown'l &  
 received Pope. See p. 326. Father was at church.  
 S.Hathaway Jr was published to Miss Sophie Nichols - also Jo Nelson to  
 Elsey Potter.

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Dec'r As to my books which I received this day from Pownal, I ought to acknowl-  
 1822 edge the goodness of Mr Bennett in detecting W.Warren in his guilt - and  
 Pope's in preserving the property unsullied & returning the rightful owner. The  
 Poetical wretched boy must in all probability be undone.  
 Works.

MONDAY, DEC'R 23 Some cloudy & very cold - wind N.W. strong. We thrash  
 J.Rogers ed oats. Adeline was sen to C.Brown's school. J.Rog  
 H Debar assisted by Debar, who this morning left us for A.Brown's, got a load of  
 wood - he also received one by waggoning from G.House in person. This ev'  
 finishing reading Philopaeman, who was great but not faultless, and commenc-  
 Plutarch ed S.W. Flaminus in Plutarch.

TUESDAY, DEC'R 24 Dry, frozen & cloudy - w'd N.W. - Business the same -  
 Ch Brown Ch Brown came to board with us this eve'g. L.Sher-  
 L.Sherw'd wood Jr came to pay his respects to us. J.Rog had miss A.Selden at his  
 Ang Seldenhouse to work at tayloring - posted books for him this eve'g. I entered  
 Jonas an endorsement of two dollars on an \$11 note given by J. to B.Harwood,  
 Harwood May 7 1816 - the money was rec'd Nov 12 same year - by way of Dan'l Clark,  
 Colrain. V.4 p.248 - Looked up some old accounts against some of our good  
 Brown's friends. Sold Brown's note to J.Rogers for 6 gs cider brandy - B.gave it  
 note. Nov. 8

WEDNESDAY, DEC'R 25 Not cloudless, but at the same time dry and pretty  
 pleasant - tolerably cold. Business as above. It was  
 Kent's understood that Mr Kent - good man - had lost about 1/3d of his little  
 pork. store of pork, say 50 lbs, by the hand of some thief - Eve'g my lips were  
 very troublesome so that mother had to adopt several curious modes of  
 Lydia theating them. Lydia Not'n, who came to Rogers', with her sister Eliza, paid  
 Norton. her respevts awhile to the tenants of this venerable mansion. We consid-  
 Winter. ered winter as now fairly settled down upon us, tho' not severe. Montague  
 Mont. had ere this finally locked up the Gr't Academy.  
 Academy.







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THURSDAY, DEC. 26 Fine & pleas't - dry - wind N. We nearly finished thrashing oats. J.Rog had oxen & sled to go gathering wood in Brown's woods - got 1 load of pretty decent little poles. H.Debar for Brown went to Hoosick beyond the brick factory to get his dog which young Tom had flattered away with him when he went home - D.succeeded, with strong drink, is his mission, brought the dog safe - Finished reading Plutarch 2d V. - liked Flaminius well, except the murder of Hannibal - the spirit which prompted the Romans to persecute that great but unfortunate man was the same as that manifested in the treatment of N.Bonaparte by the British

H.Debar

Plutarch

J.Rog.

Parsons  
cow.

FRIDAY, DEC'R 27 Sound fine weather - but few clouds - Our oats were winnowed - nearly 70 bhls. J.Rog made two expeditions into the woods assisted by H.Debar - the girls visited at Waters' - Mother was ill. Parsons came up to look afldr a young calf which was smart & lively, that ran by his cow's side.

SATURDAY, DEC'R 28 Cloudy - dry - app'd likely for snow, grew pleas't towards the end of the day - fair moon-light eve'g, many

Roads

Oats

1822.

G.Bennett

Merrill.

were struck the singular steadiness of the weather - roads much used pretty smooth, but very hard. Ended the business of threshing oats, in which in all we presume there must have been the present season ab't 83 bhls - had on hand 75. Having regulated affairs about home we took a roll of cloth and pail of butter and marched for town. In Dr S's barnyard saw Mr Gardner Bennett the man who so luckily got my books from the Warren boy. He was in quest of an yearling steer for which had swapped a heifer with the Dr - we assisted in catching him. To Col Merrill carried 15-1/2 lbs butter - found him in his office surrounded by several people who appeared to be doing court business, viz:-Judge Fay, S.Fay, Capt Hicks, C.Cushman, Maj'r Potter, J.W.Pitt &c. D.Clark.

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Judge Fay mentioned Ab'm Gardner of Pownal as being a very good man who said the only religion he had was to keep good fences and tell his neighbors no lies, which he thought, if put in practice, far preferable to greater professions & less practice - this I thought seemed rather to nettle Capt H. as pointed towards some of his Christian friends - and when the Judge mentioned reading the 2 last letters of the venerable sages, Adams & Jefferson published in the Gazette Dec'r 24, that he had read & cried - rwd & cried. Mr Hicks replied that he saw nothing in the correspondence to cry about & closed the conversation by repeating several times a jeering question about the judge's crying. Saw Dr H.Swift who informed me that I was not returned equipt for last year nor for the present - as much as to say my tax to Mr Peters just be paid. At Carpenter's we were measured for several garments - a coat only for myself. Called at Cyrus Bisbee's & rec'd in full of him for cattle & cheese \$21.00 - mostly in what is called uncurrent money - among which was one \$2. on Plattsburgh, which I was unwilling to receive. Bo't & paid for two little articles at Pickett's & Frank's - 10" - Went to Hicks' where an academy meeting was holden in consequence of Montague's late proceeding & I believe they did not hit upon anything very decisive. In the hall paid John Frost on acc't ten dollars out of that parcel of money received from Bisbee - including the Plattsburgh money - which I promised, if it, or any part of the parcel should not answer his purpose, to receive it again. Mr Bisbee engaged the same to me. Friend Champney was present when I paid Frost. Next marched for Algiers - called on Jed Dewey to know about the taxes, which he readily showed me - Found sure enough that I was made up on my poll, which through neglect or design was not returned exempt. State & Town tax the same against B.Harwood \$6.40 - Sch do \$2.13 ..... 8.53 do do H.Harwood ..... \$.66" School \$.20 .80 \$ 9.33







Dec'r 1822 Norton. Capt'n Hills. Upham. Sett'l't with E. Waters. Parsons.

Called at Capt Hills' - nobody stirring much there - went over to uncle J. Norton's to see if they were ready for sett't - they were not - Charles last Sunday morn'g went off to get his hair cut - never tho't of fixing the books - said it should be done on the morrow. Ret'd to Capt H's - no better success there except marketing some butter, of which within a few days agreed with him he should have 15 lbs - Ballard being present & happening to talk of the weight of a hog which Capt H. had this day butchered 12 months old - that came up to ab't 270 lbs, got them in a notion that they would be weighed, so I went into the backroom where steelyards were provided & the Capt put in the sling who weighed lbs 261 - Ballard, I think, pulled down, altho' slim, to 169 - myself to lbs 151. Talked respecting the price of oats to B'd, who said they were worth 28". Against wid. Eldad's got into Lewis Upham's waggon in which besides himself were Wittum & several such kind of chaps - & rode Jehu like to the foot of the m. house hill - & then alighted - Visited Hicks' - Academy meeting about through - Saw E. Montague & dunned him for a settl't - got good promises - Henry Harwood, J. Doty, Witt'm & a great many besides present, but not at the talk between me & M. With E. Waters came to his house - supped & settled acc'ts with him in full. My side including \$2.10 pork money came up to \$12.60 W's consisted of \$5.90 note \$4.79, women's affairs - 59" - work... 11.28 Balanced accounts by due bill payable in joiner w'k on dem'd ..... 1.32 Got home before 9 - talked of the strange movements in this strange world - Could not read much - disliked my not being returned equipt. Friend Parsons present - He took away his cow & calf this day to keep. See Dec'r 9 - Col M. could pay me no cash this day - promised it soon. J. Rog picked up 2 lds more of wood this day - partly in R's & p'tly in Browns' woods.

Dec'r 1822 Gray Seth Hathway

SUNDAY, DEC'R 29 Cloudy - pretty cold - snowed a flurry after dark. Some of our family went to Church - say father & Lydia - she poor girl, was taken ill after it, of a very bad cold. Wrote journ'l most of the day - and "Chilling O'Quiry"-with Variations", in the evening. Mr Gray a Connecticut man from Lebanon lodged with us this night. Seth Hathaway with his bride was at Church in real style.

J Rogers

MONDAY, DEC'R 30 A real cold day - wind N.W. Removed straw & thrashed rye. Jon. Rogers & J. Martindale assisted Parsons in getting wood from gen. R's woods. In the eve'g paid Mr Gulliver and family a visit - talked with them respecting their ages & marriages - Mr G. was born in Feb'y 1761 - Mrs G. was born Nov'r 1778 - married August 1796 - Settled an account of \$4.08 which included pasturing cows - with them - took a due bill of Mr G. for \$1.75 - Mr Gray tarried with us through the day

Settled acc'ts at Gulliv's

TUESDAY, DEC'R 31 Very regular - dry & freezing - fair & more mild at ngt. Pursued thrashing. Jon. P.M. went to S. Loomis' & to mill. Our assumed cousin Gray having staid till noon - at length - went away. He seemed to think because he had a fractured hand thzt he was licensed to live on the charity of the people - very inquisitive - an unpleasant guest. Dr Swift paid Mother & Damia a visit. Cousin U.M. Robinson came to invite us to an Academy meeting on the morrow - As we were not signers, although we had rendered services during the erection of the building - & intended by way of Montague to throw in our mite of \$10., yet we considered ourselves not entitled to the rights & privileges of proprietors - nor did we wish to be under present circumstances - felt glad to stand aloof. Mr Schoolmaster B. went this evening to his namesakes to board. I read this ev'g the Narrative of the Irish State prisoner - Rev'd Dickson - with which narrative we were well & truly entertained - Deliver me from Eng'h despotism.

Academy

Dickson







Jan'y 1823 WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1st, 1923 There came on a storm - furious indeed, bringing down snow mixed with hail, I was going to say in abundance, but perhaps that would hardly be correct as the sleighing was not very good that succeeded - the wind seemed, a part of the time, to blow from S.W. but I suspect it all in reality originated from S.E. E. mount'n roared terribly. One parcel of rye was all threshed off - cattle stabled, fed &c. Another Academy meeting was this day holden at the Court House at which I believe nothing decisive was done - Col Merrrill it was said delivered a speech which bore hard on our worthy Parson &c. In the Gazette of Dec'r 31 a pretty hard attack was made on the manager of the Sentinel - And I say let them contend - let them contend - it will be seen at last who is who. The narrative of Dr Dickson occupied our attention this night - we liked him very well too - Lieut Gov. Stuart, officers & others und'r his comm'd at F't George were gent'n in word & deed - the poor prisoners had every indulgence which circumstances would allow the Lt Gov'r to give. Deliver me from Castlereagh & his imps.

THURSDAY, JAN'Y 2 Calm & cloudy - thawed moderately - seventeen & a half Rye b'ls rye winnowed through the mill & bro't to the house Calf from Jonathan assisted me in bringing a young calf from Parsons' which I had Parsons. bo't of them & paid in keeping their cow as agreed to by Mrs P. in the presence of her husband who was on his seat making shoes. In the evening Stock made out a statement of stock, debts &c. which may be seen by turning to 1823 p.185 J.Rog. bo't Kent's clock

FRIDAY, JAN'Y 3 Thick dark clouds, but very mild & calm. We threshed J. Rog. sp'g wht. J.Rog. rode in sleigh with his wife & Damia to Algiers - with the latter webt to Weeks'. Carried some rye for us to D's mill - and 2-1/2 xo for Kent, rec'd here, to Saff'ds but so full were they that they would not engage to grind ere next week a Saturday. Mr Kent cut

Jan'y 1823 Kent. Pierce timber for making handsled runners - talked with us a good while at the barn - we indulged ourselves in castle-building moderately, by asking his opinion of the cost of erecting an addition of 20 ft in length to our barn - s'd he would do the framing & hewing for \$20. Mr Pierce at n't pd us a sh't visit - informed us that he had the care of Capt N's calves & other young stock as well as their flock - Shewed him the fat cow, which he th't fine indeed - Damia laid out \$2 cash in goods. J.Rog's sold for us C.Hills 15-1/2 lbs butter to Capt C. Hills, but by his not being present did not Dr Swift recieve pay. Dr Swift came to visit Mother because she was ill - related Rev P. bad stories regarding the Academy - lamented our opposition to Mr Peters &c. We were not so much opposed to him as to the manner in which he was settled here - Mr Marsh should have been paid off first & then instead of such vague instruments as were drawn up at that time - the terms ought to have been explicit - We thought when we signed for him that we were to pay half what our other taxes amt'd to - in lieu of which we pay the full value - in some instances more.

SATURDAY, JAN'Y 4 Cloudy & pretty cold - particularly in the forepart of the day - stormy in the eve'g - Thrashed sp'g wht - J.Rogers Justin chopped wood for Mrs Parsons. I wrote music in the ev'g. Jon. & Just. went to town - the former had a good settlement with C.Bisbee & brot him in debt about \$1.70 - the latter bo't A's arithmetic of D.Clark - & on my acc't got a Register for 1823.

SUNDAY, JAN'Y 5 In the night & all the fore-part of this day, hailed, snowed & believe rained some from the S - after which







Aurelia  
Hand  
married.

wind turned N.W. & at night became very cold. Read some of P's Essay on Man" - was forcibly struck by the grandeur of many passages. Lydia busied herself with Sir Walter Scott's Marmion. Mr Harvey Burgess of Shaftsbury was this eve'g married to Miss Aurelia Hand of this town by Elijah Fillmore Esq. Wrote music from H.A.Fay's book this cold night.

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MONDAY, JAN'Y 6 Clear & extremely cold - wind high,NW. Finished threshing sp'g wht - winnowed & measured 15 bhls,which added to what was already got out amounted to 33 bhls 10 quarts - had now on hand about 17 of which 6 was allotted for seed - very smutty this season. See page 318 to judge of the yield. J.Rog. worked with H.Debar for Brown threshing oats at every 10th - tho't they were going to have a good job. Our ladies persevered in washing according to their wish. Mother continued ill.

Sp'g wht

J.Rog. &  
Henry.

TUESDAY, JAN'Y 7 Very cold morning - hazy - wind S - grew warmer as the day advanced. To'd noon rode in company with Parsons to town - got span of horses shod at Welch's - for setting shoes,one of which was toedn,charged \$1. John Doty 2d was at work for him - Visited Clark's printing office - heard Capt David Robinson relate in what manner the Academy business was disposed of ,but my memory is so poor that I shall not attempt to follow him. The business was so fixed that the house was opened & deed of the land given to all the proprietors in common,by gen. Robinson. Benj'n & Hiram Harwood's names were inserted - Capt D. asked me if that was right - I replied it was - this was in consideration of our accounting with Montague the principal builder,for \$10 which he received of us in board & various other ways & also team work to the am't of ab't \$5.done for the building committee. In this affair the 2 contending parties were extremely jealous of each other - accused one another of many vile intentions & actions - I think myself that colleges and academies are nurseries of monarchy & aristocracy - that the money laid out for education there might do much greater service to the public to be put into a vast fund for the support of our common schools - I would not throw them all away - however I would take care, not to increase their numbers. G. Godfrey Jun'r who had

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settled.

Letter  
from  
S.Waters

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just arrived from a furnace at the north,gave me a letter from S.Waters to Dama Harwood which I safely conveyed to her - and she was highly pleased with the contents. Went to Wm Haswell's to buy a singing book,but he had sold out all he had - would have more soon - found Lieut Safford & Capt D. Rob'n searching records - something respecting deeds. I enquired of Wm if he could show the returns of militia equipped for military duty - searched & found his files were absent,not having been returned by the selectmen & listers since making up the taxes. Next, went to the Orderly Serg't of our company,M.S.Norton,to see how my name stood off his roll - found myself returned equipped in full. Visited Carpenter's - he said his cutting amtd to \$1.42 - mentioned a pr of pantaloons having been cut there last winter for H. Debar & the cutting of a coat for a young man (Martindale he meant) who lived with us the summer past - making the acc't rise to \$2.12. Mentioned it to Martindale,after I came home,who said it was not a coat but pantaloons he cut for him. Drove to Algiers - called at Capt Hills' & received from him in full for 15-1/2 lbs butter delivered pr J.Rogers \$2.58,cash. Went to the Saff'd mill to get grists for Parsons & Rog's - but they had not ground them. P.returned with me to Blackmer's store where I bo't goods to the am't of \$1.7 - paid that & fifty cents besides for 4 lbs sugar bo't by J.Rogers on the 3d inst - Called at Dr Swift's office - enquired of Johnson for my flute - could not find it - supposed it was in Lem's trunk and he was gone home - came away without it. This ev'g Ch Brown & Justin studied arithmetic here this evening.

Military  
returns.

Brown.







Jan'y 1823 WEDNESDAY, JAN'Y 8 Cloudy, tolerably calm - wind SW - Late in the morning started for Troy - halted a moment at Waters' to get directions & money for buying nails at Hedges' Lansingburgh. Mr Bliss saw me & asked to what place I was bound - answered - Troy - requested me to carry a bbl of apples to his son in Lansingburgh - said I would if he'd be quick - drove down against his house, but very impatient & not seeing him make any movem't drove off without further compliments - Halted at Wm Haswell's to leave H.A.Fay's music book which I borrowed at the house in the month of May 1822 & a Vermont Register for 1823 to be conveyed to him by Mr H. on his going to Albany - which he calculated to do soon. Arrived in Lansingburgh sometime in P.M. - bo't of Wm Hedges i/2 hund weight shingle nails for \$6.25 & a few brads, which altogether came to \$6.78 - paid in full - Waters sent by me only \$6.00 - 78" paid out of my own purse. Liked Mr Hedges to transact business with very much, found him open, frank & fair. Not much like him did I find the gentleman of whom I suppose I received that one dollar & fifty cent bill mentioned p.333. Went first to N.Squires' next door north of the store at which I received said counterfeit bank note - to enquire something respecting his character. They said he was then present - At first Mr S. did not recognize my countenance but after a moment's conversation he perfectly recollected me. I then related the circumstances attending my purchase of 2 buh'l fine salt at the next store S. as near as I could recollect, the substance of which is given p. 333 - the bill produced, examined & condemned by all present - for there were the clerk whom I notice p. 324 & some other person or persons present as well as Mr Filkin - who in particular protested or declared that he had never seen the bill - knew that he never

Jan'y 1823 should have taken such a bill - for he knew at first sight it was counterfeit - the gentlemans countenance I could not identify - but the situation of his store, the part of it in which the tierce stood in which he kept his salt out of which he measured to me the 2 bhls & the part occupied by his counter where I exchanged money with him & received the fatal bill, I perfectly recollected & described to the man, but his memory was so bad he could remember nothing of the transaction. After hearing my story Mr Squires informed Mr Filkins or Filkin that he had known me & my father a number of years, & took us to be very honest men, presumed that I would not say what I did unless I was convinced that it was so - said that he ought to receive back and pay good money for the bill - but this made no impression on him - he persisted in his resolution not to own anything of the affair - asked him if he ever employed a clerk in his store - he said no other than a boy - I told him I thought it was a gentle'n about his size who did the business with me. To be more sure I walked into his store & saw a tierce, tho' perhaps not the same one that I saw there on the 21st of Nov. standing in the S.E. corner of the store - the same as when I was there before - the counter on the north side as I related to Squires and others - mentioned its being foggy & rainy & that I thought (for I could not exactly recollect) it was Thursday the 21 of November - showed Mr Squires, Filkins & others the memorandum which I made at Blavkmer's at the time I first found out the character of the bill, but all in vain - could recollect nothing of it - never had seen the bill - In like manner said the boy. Fearing I might be under mistake - visited the 2 stores next S. but from the appearance of things & circumstances was confirmed in







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the belief that Filkins or Filkin's must be the store - spent sometime in trying to bring this man (by Mr Squires' called honest) to his recollection, but to no purpose - only engaged that if he could remember anything respecting it he would pay me the balance without any hesitation Mr S. said he ought at least to divide it with me - each to lose one half. In transacting business at this store on Nov 21 - felt in great haste - never enquired the man's name, not tho't to be more particular about my money, only tho't to ask F's clerk if the Columbia bills were good - he replied in the affirmative - whereas had I then learned his name, or rather if I had examined exhibited the bill, the affair would have ended at once. Having said & done all I could in this affair - drove off toward Troy - picked up a man who said he worked on the big dam, carried him to a little village ab't half way to Troy - speaking of my affair with Filkin - he said if it was his case he would put off the bill without saying anything further about it - would render evil for evil & good for good to mankind - such were his principles. Visited my old friend D. Merritt who informed me that they had no plaster up from the mill - directed to Tho's & White at the very upper end of River St where I bo't in 2 tierces 10 hund & 13 lbs plaster and paid for the same \$5.44 - the plast'r being valued at \$8 pr ton - it was paid in a bank note on one of the R. Island banks, having Washington's head upon it - a little torn on one edge, upper, right over the head; the 44" of course pd in specie. Put up at Mr Sterns', and after taking a teamsters supper went ab't my errands - At Weed & Hights agreed for 1/4 hund brown sug at three dollars. Bo't at Morrisons' 1 gall poor molasses at 40"

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At Mr Jos Gary's bo't for J. Rogers a goat skin for \$1 - paid on the spot Coon the clk did the business, and I think he's an honest & faithful one too. A man of 50 as I should judge, saddler by occupation, was there buying harness leather. C. shewed us a quantity of soal leather almost white which came from Philadelphia - tanned it white oak - price 34" - said to be the most profitable of any to buy - we were assured that a side would cut 28 prs out soals - our old saddler spoke highly in praise of it - he carried on business in Lansingburgh. For Cath Rog's sold some old silver to Mr Fellows who weighed & called it worth eighty cents Bo't of him for that lady a black clasp at 37-1/2" - the difference he handed over in cash. Bo't of Geo Lyman 1 gall & 1 pt lamp oil at \$1.12 & 4 shaker corn brooms for \$1.20 - paid the bill which amounted to \$2.46 Came up to Weed & Haight's where on presenting a three dollar Phoenix, Hartford, bill, they very quickly pronounced it counterfeit in the most bungling style - not so artful as the Ontario mentioned so fully above - I said then that I knew of whom I received it, and mentioned Darius Clark, printer in Bennington - it was on the 19th of Dec'r that he handed it me in the street near the S.W. corner of the Wallace store - all these particulars however I did not trouble them with - Eve'g some advanced, got back to S's where they were pretty full of company. One man turned of 50 gave a history of Wm Morey the celebrated cotton manufacturer at Union Village, Easton, N.Y., worth rising of 100,000 dollars, in his person well turned but corpulent, 44 years of age, very lucky & exceedingly active in business, troubled with the gout, had 4 rich brothers in Leyden, Mo., - the gent. who related the account was formerly master of a vessel in Rhode Island - was married to M's neice - somewhere ab't his age - corpulent too - more I can't write of that. Played drily on the flute & went to bed.







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THURSDAY, JAN'Y 9 Wind fresh S.W. many expected rain, but after blowing damp & shilly till towards night it came furiously on from that quarter, damp snow which really seemed to fall with gr't force, but not in great quantity. Went to W. & Hights' this morning & rec'd my empty sug. box & other articles deposited there in the eve'g. As I turned round my team to leave town a little huckster came to me very anxious that I should trade with him, wanted to know if I did not wish to buy some good soap, good N.Y., by the box at 9" per lb - showed me as I should judge good brown sugar at 10" pr lb, or \$2.80 for 1/4 hund - declined for want of cash. Indeed my counterfeit money fairly gave me the hypo - for I could not sleep for mere vexation during all the latter part of the night. Finally came up & came up to Lansingburgh where I called on Mr Filkins, as they called him, to see if his recollection was improved any - he & his boy were the same chickens yet. When I visited his neighbor S. of him on the 8", asked them if they had kept fine salt to sell during the Fall? - they said they had - asked them how they kept it, they answered in bags, so I thought of course that could not be the place at which I did business on the eve'g of Nov 21". I now mentioned to him my memory not serving me well, that they had not had any salt to sell, which he caught at very greedily, giving the negative to that, and I to do away all doubt in my mind that might possibly exist, stepped into it once more to make more enquiry & observation, found it as just related above - & besides their counter stood on the S. side of the store. When I returned to Mr F's could not find Mr gentleman - nor could his boy tell where he had gone. This circumstance I made known to Mr Squires in the presence of Steph'n Hinsdill of Bennington.

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U.M.Rob.  
& Lady.

Put my sleigh in motion once more - had good travelling indeed - At German's two Irishman being on their way to Vermont with heavy packs agreed with me to carry them to Bennington for fifty cents - Resided in Albany - were not far from my age, loved to call at the taverns, very sociable, especially with each other. The married man's name was Patrick Laddy - the other's name was Thomas Nowlen - both from Cavan County, Ireland, the latter a widower who was at the taking of Badajoz in Spain & Battle of Waterloo, of which he mentioned many circumstances. Baited at Wadsworth - arrived about dark with my pedlar's at Cushman's about dark - received D.Clark's pay in full according to contract. Went immediately to Darius Clark counter- with the bill condemned at Weed & Haight's - which at first he refused to take back unless I would make oath that I rec'd it of him - this I told him I was ready to do - he however without much ceremony received it at my word - p.351 - Got home just as the storm raged pretty violently. U.M.Robinson bro't his lady here this day for a visit - she staid till in the eve'g, and our ladies were highly entertained with her. Mean time Lydia attended singing school with U.M.

FRIDAY, JAN'Y 10 Very snowy in the morning - warm & damp - by noon wind blew N.W. - some hard squalls ensued - grew cold fast - blew almost a hurricane at night from N.W. Carried Justin & Adeline to school - Hector Gulliver rode with me to J.Norton's - Safford's mill - & back to J.Nort's. At the mill (office) he played hocus pocus with 3 thimbles for the entertainment of young Lyman and James Harwood who officiated for his brother Asahel who went up to Perry's in Woodford in a cutter.







Jan'y 1823 Having waited for Kent's grist till ground took it with Parsons' and Rogers' and came to uncle J. Norton's - had sleight tongue slightly regulated. Mr Elkenah Barney were there getting work done - Aaron worked at the E. fire - uncle Jo complained of pain in his right side. After running over to Ballard's and swapping away one of our calf-skins, both of which were elegantly dressed, valued at \$3. a piece, for a large well-dressed side of cow-hide, shaved thin for women's wear, valued by B. at 22/0 - with that & the other skin, which wound up our leath concern for the present, returned to uncle Jo's and made a regular settlement. Our account at J. amounted to .....\$ 12.42

Leather at Ballard's. On their part it arose to ..... 6.20 6.22 Received a due bill payable in blacksmith work for the balance in our favor - Our settlement was very friendly & without jar. Visited Clark's & Merrill's, at the last place wanted what I could not get, could not even raise a good promise. Drove down S. & bro't home the school children. The old cow, commonly called "Sensibility", 11 yrs old, red color, tolerably large & handsomely built, was this day butchered by uncle Sam R., J. Rogers & Henry Debar. Tallow, rough, weighed 96 - hide 71 - & the quarters collectively 676 lbs. From Thanksgiving day to the present she was never suffered to move from the atanchion & she was kept clean & curried every day. Cousn Polly R. paid us a fine visit. Uncle S. in spite of us would go home through the violent wind & drifts at night - a most tedious night indeed

"Sensibility" butchered

SATURDAY, JAN'Y 11 Very extremely cold this morning, but grew much milder P.M. Clear principal part of the day - cloudy eve'g.

Jan'y 1823 Late in the morning rode off in the sleigh carrying to Frost a fore-quarter of the beef killed on Friday - sd quarter weighed 160 lbs for which although thought to be very fine, he was unwilling, in his way, to allow more than \$4 pr hund, which made it am't to \$6.40 - Carried the hide to Ballard's, with whom I reckoned - entered the account at his request in his book with my own hand, which I do not mention to show that he was not a penman, but merely as an act of accommodation. His charges for tanning calfskins were 75" a piece - his acc't in full amtd to \$9.38, ours to \$5.82 leaving balance of \$3.56 against us which I agreed to pay in oats at 28" - Talked with him some respecting his parentage - said his father died 12 years ago, leaving an estate of \$19,000 which he had accumulated by economy & industry - begun with nothing but his hands & was ever a cripple besides. Bo't st Picketts some rosin which was paid for, for J. Rogers. Bo't 1 lb tea at F. Blackmer's which was booked at 53" because he by mistake did not put up the pint of oil called for on the 7" inst. & which was then pd for. At E. Waters' delivered my bill for nails which showed that I had pd Mr Hedges 78" of my money. W. gave me a Jersey bill on Jersey Bank at Jersey City. R.H. Nevins, Pres't. No 767 dated July 17 1821; would not quite give Mr Waters' his change, but it will be paid over by me the first time I have an opportunity. Called a mom't at the Drs office - saw Morgan & Johnson. At home found uncle Sam who in the course of a few hours cut up & assisted in packing & otherwise disposing of our beef. In the evening Polly went home with him - he conveyed to Mr Welch our blacksmith the half of a fore-quarter - weighing 78 lbs.

S. Robinson.

Welch.







Jan'y 1823 SUNDAY, JAN'Y 12 Much milder in the morning than on the 11th - some cloudy - mild & comfortable till tow'd eve'g, when it grew cold again. Was greatly taken up in writing till late at night. Father went to church. Moses Wickwire paid us a visit late P.M.

MONDAY, JAN'Y 13 Very cold morning - & remained keen through the day, pretty, clear, wind N.W. Carried Justin & Adeline to school. Gallanted Mrs Parsons to Algiers where she transacted business with Mr Sterns in the Factory fulling mill; on the way left 5-1/2 bbls corn at Dewey's mill to be ground - came up to Blackmer's store where Mrs P. bo't a number of small articles pr order of Wm Smith - meantime visited Mr Ric'd Carpenter & settled with him for 58-1/2 lbs cheese delivered to him Oct 30" at 0/6 pr lb-total amt \$4.88 - his charges including the cutting of pantaloons, not coat, for Martindale amt'd to \$2.07 leaving due me \$2.81 - he seemed to intimate that my price was high - I told him it was what I had taken & should take from others, but would endeavor to satisfy him if I could - he said he was so & threw me out a handsome three dollar Brattleboro bank note dated Sept 15 1822, No. 7563 - gave him back twenty five cents and called even - receipted each other's accounts & parted in good harmony. With such men I love to transact business. Rode home with Mrs P. and stabled my horses. In the eve'g was sent to Dr Swift's after the Dr - sat in the office a good while talking with him & friend Johnson, of whom the latter assured me that I should have some money ere long. Walked home with Dr S. who came to visit mother who had been very ill this P.M. Mr Ballard rec'd this eve'g of us 14 bbls of oats which over pd him thirty six cents - see p. 355. Our ladies tried tallow this day. Mrs Gulliver visited here this P.M. as did Bliss Loomis in the morning. Brown came over & said he was going to start for Connecticut on the morrow - bo't beef & flour &c.

Jan'y 1823 Luther Park had the misfortune this day to have his arm broken by the falling of a box of weights appertaining to the bellows department at the furnace. It was the left arm. Jan'y 14 Lydia Harwood made 27-1/2 doz Candles. candles.

TUESDAY, JAN'Y 14 Clear & severely cold; app'd likely for storm in eve'g Not much going on till PM when a bbl of cider with 2 qts cid. brandy was conveyed to Mr Gabey, \$1.50, on credits. Lyman boy, a little girl of Capt Fry's rode with me from Algiers into the Borough, & I would add also that Mrs Woodbeck was a passenger, said she'd come down to morrow or next day to see Mr Rogers respecting her little girl. At Clarks got the Gazette - heard said something on religion by Capt D.R. - the writing master, & others. They seemed to think Pope was ab't right as to those things. Father had the wood-saw filed at E. Waters' ready for action. We furnished file. Eve'g read newspaper & bungling played the violin. Dr S. visited mother. A bad scrape happened at the school house between C. Brown & 2 of his large scholars, Hector Gulliver & Dan'l Hand - they resisted while Brown attempted to punish them. J. Martindale was called as an assistant. Gulliver was conquered, but Hand escaped by swift ness of foot. Our neighbor Abraham Brown this day started for Greenbush, Connecticut

WEDNESDAY, JAN'Y 15 Pretty mild & some cloudy. Rode to the Baptist Church Pittstown. Pittstown, bo't 17 bbls plaster for which pd to Bosworth & Ranny \$4.79 - they sold it for M.S. VanderCook. Baited at Maxons. It was dark before I reached home. Dr H. Swift rode on my sleigh a lit way







THURSDAY, JAN'Y 16 Mild, wind S. thawed slightly. Went by way of Mr Vails where father had an errand respecting Miss Faxon which ended in nothing for she was not there - thence by young & old D. Rogers' & Mapleton meeting house & so to Pittstown & bo't 2 tierces plaster - containing 1186 lbs for \$5.30 - tierces \$1.25 - 1 lb 6 oz tea 91" - 1 G. Molasses \$0.44 - 28 lbs sugar \$2.66 - in all \$10.56 - paid cash \$9.31 - & 2-1/2 bbls rye \$1.25 which balanced it.

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Jan'y 1813 Received this morning from Lem Sherwood Jun'r in full \$4.00. Borrowed of Dr Swift, the elder, \$5 in bills, of which one I recollect was on the Kennebeck bank \$2.- paid that, & another bill of same amount - the same parcel but on a different bank, not recollected, to Bosworth & Ranney - agreeing to recieve back the former if it should not go well, but never thought to make it nor to limit the time in which I would receive the money. Henry & Jon Rogers had begun to thresh rye for us. Let me not forget to mention that at Mammy Shaw's saw Harvey Smedley who said a few days after his fathers return from the north in Sept the good main received, at the raising of a bridge, a most violent contusion on the back part of his head & neck of which he almost died, but had now so far recovered as to be able to walk about, but his sight was vastly impaired. The raising was very badly managed by a Mr Sherman - it fell - which occasioned the above accident and several more much less serious.

FRIDAY, JAN'Y 17 Mild & cloudy - app'd likely to rain - wind S. Disposed of our plaster in the best manner we could - had purchased in Troy & in Pittstown about 32 hundred weight of that material & paid for it including casks \$16.83. About noon Hiram Waters who had arrived in town from Boston on Tuesday P.M. with sore heels which he had frozen previous to leaving that city - came here, called for his crust of indian br'd and pitcher of cider & laid himself down by the stove to eat & drink in his usual style. P.M. rode in sleigh with Dama. Saw E. Montague this side A. Robinson's - said he would come down & settle acc'ts on Monday next. Left at Mr Ballard's 2-1/3 bbls oats which added to what he rec'd on the evening of the 13th amt'd to \$4.56 - of which \$1. applied on J. Roger's acc't - it being understood so on all hands. At Safford's where I carried a grist of wheat to mill - Dama saw & agreed with Eunice Faxon to make her loose coat - on condition that Ballard's folks would consent to it as they had previously engaged her - We called again at B's - they gave way.

Eldad's

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Jan'y 1823 At wid. Eldred's saw a flock, containing as we were told, 80 geese, fed by J. Connolley. Called on cousin Eldad for a grist of corn, which he had not ground. Rode to Harry Robinson's where Dama did some business in the store while I remained in the sleigh - saw a well dressed man ride away a handsome bay mare which he valued at \$100 - did not know the gent's name. D. Hand On coming home bo't on acc't at F. Blackmer's 15" worth cinnamon. Left a grist of flour at Waters' which A. Harwood sent by me from the mill - a hog came up as I drop't it from the sleigh - felt impatient & fretted to think people would let their hogs run in the street - notice having been given of the situation of the property - drove off upon full trot without waiting for anyone to come & secure it - this I afterwards acknowledged to be wrong - learned however that no damage ensued - assistance was soon called & it ended well. Father was ill.

SATURDAY, JAN'Y 18 Very calm - singularly smoky in the m'g. P.M. cloudy. & in the eve'g rained moderately - thawed smartly - wind S.W. Work not very prosperous - sawed some wood - paid attention to affairs at the barn &c. - father unwell, but so as to be about. J. Rogers & H. Debar pursued thrashing. Parsons arrived from Pownal - agreed with







me to carry a grist of wheat to mill for him on Monday. Lyman Sherwood came to pay us a visit - and we were glad to see him - bro't the Gazette for Jan. 21 in which it was stated that war was ab't to take place between France & Spain - because the latter refused to return to her ancient form of government. Likewise it contained the story of "The Devil in the buttermilk", which answers with once reading. J. Martindale with his brother Martindaleer, sister & brother's wife went to White Creek visiting his friends there

SUNDAY, JAN'Y 19 Our thaw, which proved a pretty thorough one, held on all day - cloudy & rained some - very foggy at night.  
Dr Swift Wind N. In various parts of the day there happened here Dr Swift, B. Loomis, J. Doty 2d & H. Debar - also Mr Parsons. Lyman S. went home this eve'g - Soon after Justin got home. H. Debar & I looked over the book & found him in rear \$2.00

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Jan'y 1823 MONDAY, JAN'Y 20th Rainy from S.E. - wind very high some part of the time. Wind came from the W. at night with snow & rain  
Jonathan & Henry having completed their job of threshing rye, we joined them in winnowing & riddling it - measured 37 bbls of which they were to receive every 10th for threshing - Jon. rec'd 2 bbls, a fraction over his due - Debar's part we bo't, allowing him for the same at the rate of 3/6 pr bbl - \$1.10 - being received towards what he owed us. All the rye raised on the old farm the present season (or past seas'n more properly) amounted to 90 bbls & 12 quarts. Was at Mr Kent's this morning on an errand - Mrs K. informed me that her husband had lately rec'd a letter from his father dated at Brookfield, Ms stating that he was in health, wanted to know his sons circumstances &c. She tho't he would do well to go there in person

TUESDAY, JAN'Y 21 They continued - wind W. cloudy - Much snow in the back roads. In the great waggon rode to Safford's mill by way of our school house - carrying to school Justin & Adeline. Andrew Parsons accompanied me through all my route. Left at the mill a grist of rye for ourselves - 2 do for Welch - 2 do for J. Rog's - & 2-1/2 bbls wheat for Mrs Parsons. The mill extremely full. M.L. Selden bro't a heavy grist for Hunt & his tribe - A.D. Robinson bro't a grist too.  
Pickett Came from Algiers onto the hill - asked Mr Pickett to settle, but he was far from being prepared - books were with Mr Kellogg - visited him - viewed maps & books - partly engaged of him the Gazette of Dec. 31. Went to Welch's - informed him respecting his grain - At Cl'ks got some office papers in one of which - the Alb. Argus of Jan 7-10 was Gov Gates message to the L. of N.Y. Jon. Rog. resumed his seat this day - toed a pair of boots for me - At night visited Staunton Hill & the Staunton house at the meeting house to see about his Abel Dimmick note of \$4. Justin attend'd copying school. By Mr Dunc. we were told that Mrs M. Porter was palsied.

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Jan'y 1823 WEDNESDAY, JAN'Y 22 It was slightly frozen this morning, but in the main thawed the greatest part of the day. Rode out again in the great waggon - Visited Algiers to wait upon Miss E. Faxon to our house to frame & join together Dama's long talked off loose coat - but Mr Ballard's call was so powerful that she could not resist it - & go she must to his house - she would be able to come to this mansion on Monday next. Had an errand at the mill - saw L. Dewey & Ho. Clark with a Mr Sterns in sleigh going to view the furnace. From the mill came to Mr J. Norton's shop where I had carried 6 lbs butter sent by mother to Mrs Street on account of some dealing between them. Saw Bellows at the shop talked with him about our young tayloress - resigned our claim without a







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New win-  
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sashes.

Struggle - the man wanted his clothes for journeying to & fro - the next stage bro't me to Capt Hyde's where I examined the proof sheets of the Grand List of the town to see if my father's poll was excluded from taxes as the law directs, where men are over sixty years of age - found it correct. Capt H. made bitter complaint of the burthen of the office - meant to put in for some remuneration next town meeting day. Visited Frank's store - saw Esq Noble of Pown'1 buying shirting (cotton) - spoke with & found him in good health, though about 83 or 84 years of age - Got home past noon - P.M. sawed oak-wood, W. end of the wood-pile. H. Rogers & M. Wickwire paid our ladies a visit early P.M. C'ne Waters was on a visit here. Friend G. House had business with us and at J. Rog's this morning - felt pretty bright in his mind. Jo Hand rode to town with me to carry Bisbee's new tools &c to him. On the 21st bro't from E. Waters two new sashes which he had made for us - 9 lights a piece - for garret windows.

THURSDAY, JAN'Y 23 Snowed very lightly - not enough to scarcely make any difference with the sleighing which was pretty poor. The sun app'd P.M. - moderate till eve'g when it grew cold. Sawed oak-wood. E. Montague came before 12 at noon & left his acc't book here till his return from L. Norton's when he would

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settle with us. Not long after he returned accompanied by Lewis Upham with whom he seemed to have business of importance - staid awhile practicing some of former queer capers with the ladies, which for a short time made us jolly enough - then said he must ride to town with Upham - after doing business with him - would at length dispose of ours. Evening he was as good as his word - bro't with him a deed of Uphams' place - formerly occupied by Amasa Elwell - valued at nearly \$500. It took us till past 9 o'clock to look up & get everything regulated in proper order for final settlement - the article brooms was guessed at - say \$3.50 - but this need not have been so, had I used the precaution of a good accountant & I think in future business shall not run at such loose ends - always endeavor as fast as we receive anything to know what it costs & write it down. Montague is generally aware when he settles with a man how he is going to come out - but with us he could not tell - though he was sensible enough that he must fall in debt. He appeared quite surprised to find our bill so great, especially board, which alone amounted to \$34.43 - in all \$60.75 - M's acc't in full was \$46.61, difference in our favor \$14.14 which he engaged to pay soon, & gave his due bill for the same. I mentioned that I owed Dr Swift \$5 borrowed money which I wished to pay very soon - he agreed to hand it to him & get his receipt for it whenever he should meet him. For the sake of not altering my figures as above I wrote it out as I did, but I will just mention that M. had forgotten that we intended to give \$10 towards the Academy which at first left him indebted to us \$24.14, a circumstance quite unexpected to him, but when we credited him \$10 for the academy his anxiety abated altogether. We settled in compleat harmony as usual - and we can justly give M. the praise of being an honorable dealer. Next, M. & Rog's made sett'mt but it left Jonathan thunderstruck - for he had calculated that the former must owe him a litt. am't - instead of which the scale turned against him in such manner as to bring him in debt \$5.55 - this disappointment was occasioned by M's not bringing forward a note, given two or three years since, at the last settlement - now entirely forgotten by Rogers till produced by the holder.

Mont. &  
Rog.







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from J.  
Gleason

on this & another given at their settlement the interest was carefully reckoned - but just as Jona. was about to tear off his name, after properl taking it up, he discovered an endorsement written across the end, which made so much difference as to reduce his debt to \$1.97 - which restored his nerves to their proper tone - resolving never to forget giving another note to anybody - Mr Kent came over to settle, but time would not permit us to do it - therefore it was postponed till tomorrow ev'g. Father & he sat by & talked very busily, the former being occasionally consulted on some points in the settle't. Lydia was taken in great confusion as she thought, while working over a large quantity of butter by Montague & Upsham as they came from Norton's - it was all got along with. We this day rec'd pr Mr Gulliver a letter from Mr J. Gleason dated at Worcester, ~~Mr~~ M's some day this month informing that they were in tolerable health & circumstances - mentioning that his girls had braided about 4000 yds bonnet straw since they had been there - enclosed a handsome sample of their work.

Wood

J. Rogers  
H. Debar  
Martin-  
dale.

Settle't  
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Kent.

FRIDAY, JAN'Y 24 Fine mild day - thawee a little. We drew 15 loads of wood - J. Rog. drove the bullocks, H. Debar Brown's oxen & I the horses. Jon's sled tongue broke out - father & he soon replaced it with a crotched beech sappling. J. Martindale Jun'r was in our service this day at loading wood. Found good doing's in the woods, but the snow was too thin for the sleigh in the low grounds. This eve'g we obtained a settlement with neighbor Kent which left him in as much astonishment almost as our friend Rogers was last eve'g - it fell to my lot, through his negligence or dislike of writing, to keep both sides. Against almost all my articles of credit the place of dollars & cents was left blank - and in settling, these were read over to him to obtain his prices which were set down as he told them off - After spending much time in looking up everything that could be recollected - reference being often had to this vol., we summed up his credit which since April 27 1820 up to this time am'td to \$31.44 - On our part - our charges being mostly for cash articles - the am't was \$42.27 - bringing him in debt \$10.83 - rec'd his note for the same. It was

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far from being our wish to have it so - we would much rather it had been otherwise. I engaged to go over it again carefully to see that it was all right & to endeavor to find more credit if possible.

SATURDAY, JAN'Y 25 Smooth low clouds - began tow'd night slightly to snow - a pretty gentle press of air began to come from the E. - sleighing thin & bad. Father assisted Jonathan in picking up a fine load of wood, principally on Brown's land. I harnessed horses to go to Algiers - had to wait for Lydia to a quantity of butter to carry to Capt Hill's - this interval was improved in examining the acc't with Mr Kent - found a mistake in casting or say adding of 10 cents on our part left out - otherwise the whole calculation was correct - but in turn ing over the Journal found work performed by him as stated - March 10 1821 - Aug 23 same yr and Oct 5 1822. Lydia weighed off 15-1/4 lbs butter with which I rode away about half past 12 - Visited Pickett's - then the printing office - all gone except the old gent. & the youngest apprentice, to the Furnace - got a parcel of office papers and returned to Pickett's - while there the first time got Putney to find to what period our acc't was posted up to - the fellow, while doing this, acted as if meddling with that which was none of his business - for if anybody opened the street door the books were shut up & dropped sudden as a flash - but finally he ascertained it was to July 12 1822







At my last call saw Mr P. behind the counter - asked him to settle, but was answered that his health did not allow of his transacting any business at all. Saw M.L.Norton there - likewise Mr Farwell - saw in the street by Patchin's store our friend Horace Dimmick who wounded himself a few days since, shockingly with an axe - John Morse Sr was talking with him. H Dimmick  
Gen Robinson. Went to Fassett's where I saw gen. Robinson talking very earnestly with Judge Fay respecting a hired man who was in the employ of the gen's the summer past - knew him to be idle &c - but was allowed to be a good chopper - from that went on to relate what active men gen. Robinson, Benj'n Fay & Judge Robinson were when young, to chop. Will'd Bates & Nathan Weeks were present.

Jan'y 1823 Drove to capt Hill's - sold my butter to Turner's wife who paid me in full \$2.54 of which \$1 was on Cattskill bank - No 4195 - pronounced good by Mr C.Hills Wallace. A Party of which he was one, had just returned from the furnace - they had engaged one of the stage sleighs - among them I saw uncle S. Robinson (talked with him too about going to Albany) Sol Clark & Chas Doo little. In the dining room, as near as I could judge, a snug party was at the card-table. Must not omit mentioning that I carried in my sleigh from Frank's store to Capt H's, John Knapp, a substitute in capt Cross' J.Knapp. Cutter at comp'y - 1812 - a good soldier. Visited uncle J.Norton's, got them engaged Norton's. ed fixing our Chatf'd cutter & then rode to the furnace where where the sleighs stood around the furnace furnace ware house or store as numerous Furnace. as if there had been a religious meeting in the place. Tied my horses & went in to the casting house where I saw between 60 & 100 gent'n & ladies assembled to witness an operation just upon the point of taking place. Not a mement after my entrance - they tapped the hearth & a beautiful stream of red hot iron rushed forth and flowed in channels prepared in sand to receive it almost the whole length of the building - it was attended with a majestic roaring - the sparks flew thick about the great arch & there was much steam - the house became extremely warm by reason of so much liquid metal being forced into it. As soon as it ceased to flow the people drew off. Among them I saw Capt Trenor & lady, Col J.E. Robinson, Heman Robinson, Sam'l Fay, O.C. Merrill, U. Edgerton, Col Henry Robinson, J. Ballard & G. Hellen of Hoosick - more I do not recollect, except our miller Ash'l Harwood. I was told that this was the 4th casting - that tho' it was not a full hearth, they computed their iron to weigh 1-1/2 tons. They were compelled to blow out for a short time in order to repair some apparatus belonging to the bellows depa't - From the furnace returned to Safford's Mill & while waiting for Asahel's appearance - went into Crossett's shop & had some very good talk with him - At the Mill rec'd a large grist of wheat for ourselves, Parsons & J. Rog's At J.Norton's took on the cut-

Jan'y 1823 ter - took the road leading to Smith's - picked up a young man belonging to the furnace going home to his family in Pow'l - called himself 23 yrs of age - said he had worked in a furnace near Sussex court house N.Y. N.J had followed the same business in the state of N.Y. - rec'd at present \$20. pr month - Told his name but I do not recollect it - At Chatfield's saw the horses & sleigh of S. & Hial Parsons whom I saw at the furnace. After arriving here took Mrs Waters who had pd Mother a visit, & Dr Swift who happened here on foot & gallanted them home - returned, unharnessed &, after supper, read a good piece on Manufactures in a Lyons, N.Y. paper which suited father & Jonathan exactly, & not at all unpleas'g to me. Adeline sick. Adeline had a sick night - had crick't in the kitchen - her mother watched with her.







SUNDAY, JAN'Y 26 Cloudy - quite calm - stormed very moderately, fine rain mixed with some snow - indeed it may be the latter predominated. With mother & Damia rode to Smith's & turned round for home which we reach in a hurry. J.Rog. had mare & cutter to go to Staunton's where he saw Benj'n S. who with his son-in-law E.Knapp & daughter would start for the West on Monday morning - by him he sent his note to J.Rog's note vs collect of Abel Dimmick 2d who bo't a pr of boots of R. in Nov. if I mis- Ab Dimmick take not in a deceptive way - gave his note for \$4. Mr S. would not engage tomsue, but tho't he might be persuaded to pay it. A whole sleigh Sleigh l'd of young bucks from Algiers came to J.Rog's - tarried but little time load. Mr F.Morgan visited us late P.M. Justin went home to his father's, and returned at night. Adeline sick.

Wood MONDAY, JAN'Y 27 Cloudy all day - calm - thawed moderately. Had 13 ld loads of wood drawn  $\frac{3}{4}$  H.Debar 5, J.Rog. 2, & myself 6 loads - Jonathan had bad luck because his sled tongue was a poor thing - Henry drove Brown's oxen  $\frac{3}{4}$  Justin assisted. Mother rode with me this morning to

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Jan'y as far as F.Blackmer's where 2 lbs rice were bo't & pd for. Friend L. 1823 Sherwood came down to see us in his sham cutter - On the 26th inst J.Hand J.Hand settled with J.Rogers & left him on good terms. The same eve'g Andrew Debar in a sly way absconded from E.Waters' - next day (27) was bro't back, Debar. having with him some property which he could not well account for.

TUESDAY, JAN' 28 Cloudy, calm. not thawy. Toward the latter part of the day gradually commenced snowing - ruddled us a good supply. Rode to F.Blackmer's. Bo't a small codfish & 2 yds black tape Mrs pd 13" - Gallanted mother & Dama - Old Mrs Grimes was passenger from Rog- Grimes. ers to Capt M.Robinson's - With some trouble we drew from the most distant wood chopped W. of the old limekiln, three loads & a sleigh-box full of bark - father with cattle & I with horses. In the evening read Con- Company gress proceedings moderately. Our ladies received the company this P.M. of Mrs P. Waters & the Misses Betsey & Abigail Field. Mr J.Duncan called on us & tarried all night.

WEDNESDAY, JAN'Y 29 Our new snow was light, but considerably bettered the sleighing - Cloudy - not very cold - and did not blow much. Forenoon the sleighs & sled were unloaded - Mr Kent being present. With him I settled the business respecting the items mentioned p.364 - Kent endorsed on note \$1.42 P.M. having mended harness & otherwise fluttered around - harnessed my beasts & drove off to town - transported Kent to D.Clark. Spencer's & Dama to Waters. At the Printing Office saw the new Map of Vermont - Mr Clark was settling I think with Mr Bowen - mentioned to me that if I had happened in first would have paid me some money - but Mr B being first had rec'd all his cash - However a short time after he sold Cash. some chains to S.Thayer Jr abd Moses Hurd Jun'r - rec'd cash in the bargain & paid me a very handsome five dollar bank note on Plattsburgh bank, new plate, No. 2648 - which replaced the three dollars counterfeit p. 351 and \$2. besides - good







Jan'y 1823 Picked up some Papers - Heard news from the furnace that Hunt had dismissed the Quimby's - said to be for bad management. Went to Merrill & R's office where were the Col., U.M., Esq Card, Capt Tuccoman, S.Fay and some others besides an old soldier of '76 named Whipple who appeared droll & odd - nearly 70 - related a curious anecdote of himself which occurred while he followed teaming more than thirty years since from Pownal to Albany - It went to explain the reason why he obtained the name of Sandy - a lady was an actor in it - I can't write more. Cousin Sam R. was present. At Pickett's bo't & paid for 1/2 lb ginger 10" - Went to Wm Haswell's to buy singing book - had none - was not at home - gone to Stephen Robin's - Visited Fassett's - Frost & B.Loomis were among others present - the latter rode home with me - Bo't for J.Rog 1/2 gall molasses & some cinnamon - pf 27" for the same - J.R's cash - Capt N.Rob. & uncle Blackmer N.Ripley were talking there together. In the eve'g pd friend Ab'r Brown a visit - he arrived this morning from his expedition to Connecticut - left his people in good health - but a great scarcity of hay prevailed through that district - grain very plent. Next visited Mrs Gulliver and family - Lem'l, Peter & Hector were present - played the flute some for their amusement - came home before nine o'clock. Justin bro't Damia home in the cutter from W's. J.Rog's received comp'y. Mr Bisbee rec'd 18-1/4 lbs cheese at 0/6 - to be paid by the first of March next. While at U.R. Montague & Merrill's office wrote a line to E.Montague for cousin Robinson to leave with cousin Uel before Saturday night \$5.00 for me as I calculated to go to Albany on Monday next - couched in such terms as I thought would not offend. Had sleigh-shoe to the wood-sleigh fastened at Welch's.

THURSDAY, JAN'Y 20 Cloudy & calm - Cold enough to keep from thawing.  
We had the woods cleared of all the wood that had been chopped.

Jan'y 1823 J.Rog with the bullocks drew 5 H.Debar 4 & J.Martindale with horses 5 lds of wood - and of no ordinary size neither - Mr Kent assisted at loading & chopped some besides - performed a good day's labor. Father was very active  $\frac{3}{4}$  We entertained this night cousins from Williamstown - gallanted by D.Porters Julius - eldest son of Dr Alanson Porter - aged 18 - the ladies were Miss folks. Lucinda Clark & her youngest sister Polly, now Mrs Reed, lately from Norway, N.Y. where she left a husband & six children to come & visit her sister, Mrs Porter who was now in a kind of senseless torpor - from which it was feared she would never recover. Mrs R. told me she had been married 18 years - was now in her 39th - that her brother David residing in the same town was nearly 49 - her brother Noble lived in the Genesee country - his age was not stated - had 7 children the last they knew of him - cousin Lucinda's age was not mentioned, but we presume it might be 43 - Their visit was very pleasing, especially to mother. I liked young Porter very well - seemed very familiar, easy, frank & without affectation - did not appear to have much dandy blood in him.

FRIDAY, JAN'Y 31 Cloudy - wind S. - looked likely to storm - but nothing of any consequence followed except a short dash in the eve'g - It was tolerably cold without freezing greatly - snug wint. weather. Business was suspended on account of cousins &c. J.Porter rode to the court house with his aunt L. & our D. previous to starting for home Before their return H.Debar bro't news from Brown's of the shocking manner in which Mr Saxton Pickett had put an end to his life - More particulars were brought by our people when they arrived - these I shall not attempt to give - I will only say that the poor man in a fit of despair, which grew out of a course of intemperance that he had been in a few yrs past, on Thursday eve'g about 10 o'clock cut his throat with a razor from ear to ear & died instantly.







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Visit to  
Sherwood

Dama.

Furnace.

Mr P., till within a year or two of his death, sustained a very fair character - was a fair trader, & tho' very close & economical was esteemed perfectly honest. He was a kind partner, affectionate parent & good citizen - left a tender & loving wife & two little sons - the eldest being about years of age. This was a most shocking & melancholy instance of suicide. A coroner's inquest was held over the body, who bro't in a verdict of suicide occasioned by insanity. News was immediately forthwith sent by Lem Sherwood Jr to his father & other relatives at Suffield, C't. Mr P. was presumed to be in good standing & easy circumstances as to property - Our friends left here sometime before 12 & about that hour Dama & I started off in the cutter for Algiers, but before getting to the meeting house concluded to ride to uncle S. Rob's - D. to stay there till I should go to Mr L. Sherwood's - afterwards by persuasion D. agreed to go with me to S's where we spent the P.M. very agreeably - Talked with Mr S on various subjects - examined him to know if he recollected any particulars about my trading at Filkins' in Lansingburgh - he remembered no more than that Foster, Squires' clerk being asked if he had fine salt? - replied in the negative -, and directed me to go to the next store. A little before sundown we came away bringing Lyman with us - left him in town & rode to Algiers - saw & transacted some business with Miss Stuart who agreed to make Dama's loose coat within a few days. Bo't & paid for a small piece of goods at Safford's store. At home heard my name littled off as much as fifty pr cent for some smallness in dealing as they would have it - Defended myself as well as the climate would allow of.

SATURDAY, FEB'Y 1st Clear & very cold - wind N.W. Lyman read Poetry in Pope. I rode out with Mother. At noon, father, Lyman & myself rode to the Furnace - surveyed the works - saw L. Jewett & his brother-in-law Ayres there. Saw Mr Hunt the principal owner

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Mrs  
Lyman.

H. Waters.

J. Rogers

J. Rogers.

Jno Sibly  
married.

S. Godfrey & S. Lyon were at work there - J. Murphy moulded & cast some pound weights - They cast a set of pigs, very good iron they said. We came away past 2 P.M. - Called on Mrs Lyman to get cash for J. Rogers - she paid 6/9, leaving 0/3 due - left the acc't with her which discharged the debt - they grumbled at one charge only - 50" for tapping S's shoes. Jon. said after I came home that it was just & not out of the way. At Blackmer's father left us to go to Waters' - I carried Lyman to the foot of the hill beyond Crusoe Robinson's - returned to the court house - spent a little time at the Thayer store. Haswell agreed to leave an order for me to carry to Troy to get some articles there. At Merrill & Rob's saw Col J. Rob., Reub Wickwire, Col Norton, U. Edgerton and J. Hicks' Jun'r. H. Waters staid all night with us. At J. Rogers' made out a bill of repairs of the house in which he resides - amounting to twenty one dollars & seventy three cents - Rent valued at \$15 pr annum. On Sunday the 26th inst Mr John Sibley, son of Zadock Sibley, was married to Miss Lovincy Clinch - orphan daughter of Mich'l Clinch & Mary his wife who was the eldest daughter of the late Stephen Harwood, one of my father's uncles - the ceremony was pronounced by Mr Peters - Miss was 16 - Mr S. aged 23 on the 2d of this month.

H. Dimmick

SUNDAY, FEB'Y 2d Chilly S. wind - patially cloudy, thawed a litt. Wrote Journal & a short reply to the letter of Mr Gleason rec'd on the . Read some Congress Speeches concerning the Militia of the U.S., particularly one by Mr Keyes of Vt - very old soldier like indeed Agreed on the morrow to convey to Troy, J. Rog, H. Debar & Hand, to visit Albany & return here on the third day on condition that they bear my expenses except for viduals. A great concourse of people assembled at the meeting house to hear Mr Peter's sermon on the late extraordinary occurrence - sd to be good. S. Dimmick with younger bro'r pd us a visit - Parsons here too.







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MONDAY, FEB'Y 3 Snowed moderately from SE most of the day. The Troy expedition was given up on acc't of the weather. Fr'd D. gave it over with great reluctance.. Visited Algiers with J. Rog's who pd to Ballard towards debt 8-1/2 bbls oats at 28" pr bhl. Left horses at Mr Godfrey's, talked in the house sometime, then went to Safford's store & then tried to dispose of a bbl cid. brandy - terms too hard - 35" cash at 6 mo's credit or 40" pr gall to pay in goods - no bargain - Saw & talked with Isaac Judd, Esq'r Thayer, Sam Jr, Steel rod Granger, G. Godfrey Jr, Davenport As'l Harwood, Isaac Week & others were there. H. Safford did business behind the counter. Mr L. Sherwood Sr drove up as we came away. Walking fr the store down to Mr Godfrey's J. Rog's agreed to pay \$3. in shoes for Browns note which I sold him on the 24th Dec'r. Returning from Alg's we transacted a little business at F. Blackmer's - paid for all we rec'd. I talked of buying hand-saw files, but felt too poor at present. Capt Fry & Capt M. Robinson were there. At home Mr Sherwood was found, conversed & supped with us - went to Norton's to get his brandy. Eve'g J. Rog. went to settle with E. Waters. Father theashed this day a quantity of corn. Hiram Waters paid his respects this P.M. On the 1st inst Dr Swift informed us that he had so arranged business with E. Montague as that he considered the money which I borrowed of him p.358 as paid

H. Waters  
E. Montague,  
Cash.

TUESDAY, FEB'Y 4 Cloudy - growing cold all day. Eight AM with J. Rog's, Expedition & H. Debar started for Troy in a sleigh - baited at to Troy. Wadsworth's. In Lansingburgh called on my friend John C. Filkin & without much being said rec'd at his hand \$1. & 50" & I handed him back the counterfeit bill which I presume to say I rec'd from him as stated p.348, but he refused owning the fact, & said as he paid me that he made me a present of the money - I left him with a clear conscience.

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Arrived in Troy at an early hour, put up at Lasells - found there Judge Burton, Esq Clark & a Mr Sheldon all from Rupert - slept with the latter. In the eve'g went to Pierces' & saw Dan'l Downs along with J. Rog. & H. Debar - they were lively. Visited an oil & lamp merchant & bo't a lamp filler for 28" - the man was young, named Wm Wilqus a little N. of the ship-yard.

WEDNESDAY, FEB'Y 5 Extremely cold this morning early, but gre more mild to wards noon. PM became cloudy, wind seemed to blow from SW, snowed a very little tow'd eve'g, cold extremely severe. We rode to Albany, left our horse W. side Pearl St N. of Wilcox's, took our course S. by a famous mansion surrounded with shrubbery, erected by one of the Kanes, but now a bankrupt. Went E. to the shipy'd where they were at work building a sloop Viewed the curious horse-boat used in crossing the ferry to Greenbush - turned N. mostly along the dock, saw many sleighs loaded with grain, here I found Sam Buck with a l'd of wheat from Russia, Herkimer county, well & doing well, We strolled about the City at our leisure - visited the State House, went only into the Assembly room, the other house were sitting in private. Having satiated our curiosity in this place, sometime P.M. left the city. While there bo't a small book for Adeline & an Almanack containing the new Constitution for 25". Lodged this night at a Mr Sherman's, the gentleman was latterly from Petersburg, many of his neighbors were here this evening. A sputtering merchant formerly from P. came in & was cery loquacious, named Gardiner, traded in co. with his son-in-law Pattison. Had myself considrable conversation with a Mr Coffin from Middlefield, Otsego County, about his barn & other out-houses being burnt by lightning two yrs since, with all his grain & hay; from his statement appeared to be wealthy. In the course of the ev 'g visited a ball-chamber at Babcock's - black-man played very well in the Ball style fpr some youths to dance under an instructor. Went a little while to Disturnell's new book-store - played on a good flute there. And before putting up after







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coming from Albany, bo't of Mr Howard, Troy, a good 12 qt tin pail with a cover to it & pd him \$1.50 for it. On the road from Albany a man calling himself 49 yrs old got aboard & rode up to T. with us & according to his own offer pd us a Yk 0/6, said he had teams in the rear coming on with pork from the W. for a merchant, to Troy, had a father & brother not a great way from Sandy Hill.

Coffin

THURSDAY, FEB'Y 6 Fair but very cold, wind high from W. Slept very comfortably with my friend Coffin who was originally from Nine Partners, thence to Columbia Co., & in 1808 to Otsego Co., was ab't 42 yrs of age - his eldest children were daughters - eldest son 14 - Sold a bhl of oats for 31" to a young man with keg oysters from Staten Island - named Cropsey. A coarse looking farmer from Paris On'd of no great wealth missed \$50 out of pocket, enquiry & search were thoroughly made, but nothing could be known about it except that the negro of Sherman - hostler, said th that he saw a man this morning in the yaed near the gentleman's sleigh, pick up something, shake the snow from it, examine & put it in his pocket & immediately clear. How the matter ended we did not stay to see, but many suspected the negro - the landlord was for forms sake searched & then the negro, but nothing found on either. We went up E. to Chrane's Grovery to hear him fiddle, but he was too much occupied with other business to attend to that - his lady was small - had a litt. girl, parrot & robin. Bo't at Jacob Merritt's 1 bhl coarse, 1 do fine salt at 5/6 & 1 lb tea 5/6, paid for the whole & came away. At Wadsworth's saw a young lady very snug & active from Worcester County, M's going with husband & furniture to settle at Otse lick, Chenango Co - the former 27 - husband a litt. younger - two droll cha characters accompanied them. Arrived here about sunset. Father had finished or nearly finished thrashing corn. A gentleman had been here who was expected to convey uncle Asa's furniture to him.

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Cold.

Silas &  
Perez  
Harwood.

FRIDAY, FEB'Y Cold, the coldest day known the pres't season. Some cldy at night, if I rightly recollect, but pretty clear all day. Father was out of health, Assisted J. Rog. & Justin in getting some wood for Parsons' folks - convey'd 1 ld for ourselves home which had been flung off by the way on acc't of being cast away. My father's cousins, Silas & Perez Harwood & ladies paid a short but very agreeable visit - the former sold us lbs 16 clover seed, for which pd in full \$1.76. They departed in the face of a most bitter N.W. wind about 8 in the eve'g.

SATURDAY, FEB'Y 8 Very cold, some hazy, wind N. Business at a stand. Father twice gallanted mother & Dama abroad. Rec'd from E. Montague. Montague a Lansingburgh \$5 bill towards debt. J. Rog. very discontented.

SUNDAY, FEB'Y 9 Very pleasant, but pretty cold. Justin went to Pownal along with Parsons to find a girl for the latter.

Dimmick. Father & Lydia attended Worship at church. H. Dimmick & lady on their way to Hoosick called here - stated that they had lately lost a cow for which they had paid 41 bhls corn which together with his lameness & sickness in family made him desire me to draw up a subscription for him. I did it in bungling style and with much diffidence too on account of my needy head in all such things. Signed \$1. There severally visited here Mr Kent, Parsons, B. Loomis, H. Waters, J. Doty & H. Debar. Saw in Troy at Fistunells a most superb Quarto copy of Barlow's Columbiad. J'n Doty staid over night with us. Had shoes tapped on our acc't, because we owed him.

MONDAY, FEB'Y 10 Moderate, some thawy, sldy, wind S.W. We commenced chop ping & sawing up wood. This eve'g settled acc'ts J. Rog's, whose charges arose to \$27 & up'd - ours to about \$15 less, but bringing in my note of \$22.96 bro't him in debt \$7.12 ; there was a mistake in







reckoning the keeping of his cow, which by great search in this Vol we found at last, commenced June 17 - would leave the whole am't \$9.70. Took a due bill for what was mentioned p.372 payable in his work. I took

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Brown.  
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a note of him for \$7.12 - told him to charge on his book am't of mistake 2/6. At this settl(t were present Ab'm Brown, H. Debar & Justin Martindale. With the former Rogers made a short settl't & took his note for \$2.69. Talk was had respecting an eve'g visit to H. Dimmick's. Mr Parsons this morning gave to Sally a waggon-seat-cushion. H. Waters filed saw for me. Mother & Dama took a ride to the hither part of Hoosick by Sherwood's. Mrs Waters, Caroline & young Eaton Morgan were here this eve'g.

Mrs.  
Crawfords  
  
Brown's  
wood.

TUESDAY, FEB'Y 11 Tolerably fair till P.M. then grew cloudy & the wind which had blown chilly all day from E. roared at ng't Business same as on the 10th., but went on slowly. Father & mother rode in cutter to Mrs Crawford's, where they carried beef to the am't of 4/9 to be paid in spinning. They visited the store of the late S. Pickett, bo't of A Marsh paint, oil &c to the am't of 72" which was paid in full, also bo't of the same on credita buffalo skin for \$4.50. Jonathan R. with our bullocks & J. Martindale with his axe worked for Brown getting wood, of which they drew up 16 loads. Late in the eve'g voices from the road were heard as if in trouble, but nothing farther was heard afterwards. Hen. & Just. were off at the E. somewhere. H. Waters & M. Wickwire were here a few moments early in the eve.

Expedi-  
tion.

WEDNESDAY, FEB'Y 12 A light fine snow was found on the gr'd this morning pretty moderate, still & cloudy - wind N. Continued at the woodpile. Mr Martindale came here to get his son's hat to go his journey with to Greenfield, M's. This ev'g J. Rog. & lady (with their daughter) Lydia H. & D.H., J. Martindale & H. Debar went in the sleigh to H. Dimmicks for a visit. Brown & lady were of the party. Deac. Merchant's lady they said was there. I was entertained with some pieces in paper.

THURSDAY, FEB'Y 13 Fair - & where the sun shone to advantage quite warm. Again at the woodpile - H. Waters assisted some after r eturning from a

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H.W. & B.L.

little hunting excursion. Our ladies received the company of Mrs Bliss, Mrs Waters, Mrs Brown & Miss Gardiner this day P.M. H.W. & B.L. were here in the eve'g amusing themselves at ironing night-caps &c.

Mrs  
Crawford  
Gov Tich-  
enor.  
Picketts  
Phillips.

FRIDAY, FEB'Y 14 Cloudy - Wind E. or N.E. a snow storm arose at night attended with roaring on E. mountain. Between 9 & 12 at noon father & mother rode to Mrs Crawford's - carried her a bhl of corn -50"-Business was at a stand. P.M. in cutter conveyed to Mr Waters' Lydia & Dama & to Gov Robinson's G. Rogers & babe where they held a feast - At Pickett's bo't goods to the am't of 41" (paid) which included a gross of tacks for J. Rogers. Visited Clark's & agreed with him to receive at 1/0 30 lbs butter. Went to see Col Merrill who informed me that he would do the best he could for me on the morrow. Eve'g Mr Phillips arrived from Marlborough, Vt on his way to Sempronius, N.Y. having with him a young lady named Phillips - his cousin - perhaps about 20 - No doubt a husband may be the reward for the toils of a long winter journey W't. I used the violin, roughly I own. H. Waters painted carpet.

Harwood's  
goods  
sent him.  
Phillips.

SATURDAY, FEB'Y 15 Pretty high wind, snow drifted, mountain presented heads crowned with clouds showing snow - quite cold. Mr Phillips this morning received & put a-board of his sleigh all the articles specified in a receipt which he gave father, to be conveyed to Asa Harwood







of Sempronius, N.Y. - a pair of shoes made of cowhide shaved down inclusive of they were made by J.Rogers - valued at \$2. There remained of Asa's share of furniture 1/2 doz bannister back & one great arm chair. Mr P. appeared to be a good man, aged 34, Aug 1822, had parents, wife & 5 children in his country. Of him we received an order for our venerable uncle for the items which were now forwarded him. Mr P. started off this morning in good plight with many good wishes to his back. Father ill. I sold to D. Clark 30 lbs butter - cash in hand in a few days. Col M. had a litt. suit to try between S, Walbridge Den & T. Harvey - rec'd nothing at his hand. Saw E. Montague who was lately wounded badly in the foot

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Feb'y 1823 Rea'd in the eve'g two or three good speeches, one by Mr Colden of N.Y. on the occupancy of Columbia River - good.

SUNDAY, FEB'Y 16 Some cldy - sleighing good - air very cold - wind NW Carr. Much pleased with Carr's Stranger in France, when Bona parte was First Consul. Father was unwell. Lydia had H. Debar for driver Mission- ary. Attended Divine service & heard a middle-aged clergyman deliver a sermon strongly inculcating the necessity of bestowing charity gifts on all the Missionary & Education characters throughout. Toward the close of the day read a few very good passages in the New Testament. Parsons & J. Hand sp't a p't of the day here.

Cold. MONDAY, FEB'Y 17 Most keenly cold this morning, cloudy, but not very much so as the sun got high up - Mid-day pretty warm, but between 3 & 4 P.M. a most cruel S. wind sprang up which cut like a 2 edged sword & in the ev'g bro't on a slow snow-storm. The wood saw & axe Martindale were in useful motion. Justin staid out of school to chop off a maple Parsons log for friend P. which lay as it was left there on the 30th of Dec'r. Mr House P.M. he was at school. Mr House & son G. drew 3 loads wood for J. Rog. 1 of which was by two yoke of oxen. Eve'g again busy with Carr - visiting Carr. various curiosities in & ab't Paris. J. Rog's, H. Debar & J. Hand visited us about 9 o'clock

TUESDAY, FEB'Y 18 Very cold morning - snowed moderately till past 10 A.M. P.M. there was a heavy wind from the W. or N.W. which threw the snow into large drifts. Father cut wood at the pile. Brown. H. Debar assisted Parsons in grinding his axe. I visited friend A. Brown & on informing him that I was going to pay taxes & wanted money for that purpose and to pay a minister of the Gospel a sum which would soon be called for - he set about preparing to ride to town to collect some for me. I wrote off an acc't for him against J. Dewey, our collector, & then

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Feb'y 1823 taking me & his little boy into his cutter, before which was harnessed his famous Billings mare decked out with a full string of bells, we rode off in real style. Made our first halt at Hicks' where there were three men from York State, of whom one, a fresh faced smart looking person perhaps 40 yrs of age, was returning from a visit to some place in Worcester Co., M's to Salem, N.Y. - app'd to know something of dealing in cattle &c - said an acquaintance of his who kept about 14 cows, by contracting with particular families at New Bedford, had sold his butter at an average of 22" pr lb. While here P. Smith happened in - invited me to partake of a glass of brandy with him - but strict to my established custom - refused. A lame man named Kimball appeared to be writing for Hicks - preparing an alphabe't for him. My Salem friend said he knew H. G. Doty who with his family was well. At length Mr Brown rec'd his money of Hicks & I rec'd in full of him for pasturing sheep \$3.68 We visited Pickett's where I b o't the value of 0-4-1/2 - pd - the printing office where I got this day's paper and Cushman's where a man had whips of elegant workmanship







Whips workmanship manufactured at Albany for \$4. Another gentleman from Pownal a youngish character - one of their constables, who being deputised had brought a prisoner there named Isaac Brownell, who in the fracas at the time of being apprehended, got hold of & purposely broke a valuable whipstock - Drove next to Mr Eldad Dewey's - found Jed just ready to go away - he rec'd from me in money the full amount of my father's taxes \$8.53 - put mine off till further orders. S. Bingham's fine little son not quite two years old was pleased greatly with B's boy & cap. They got us some good apples - B. bo't a bhl & we came away - rode to Dr S's where I stoped - he went home. Found here an old man who said he came Scott, N.Y where he had a son who owned a farm of more than 200 acres - 80 under good improv'm't - Called himself 68

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Feb'y but on my reckoning up & telling him that according to that statement he must have been born in 1755, he disputed me & said he was born in the year 1744 - I did not try much to clear up the matter - Mrs S. wanted him out of the way - & at last he went. Mrs S. had her molatto girl polishing or burnishing the brass-topped hand-irons. The Dr & Johnson were gone to Ovatt's, Pownal. I read a few lines in one of the big books & came home  
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Carr. Spent the evening reading Carr.

WEDNESDAY, FEB'Y 19 By many this was tho't to be the coldest morning we had seen yet this season - serene sky till towards night when I think it was overcast a little - the wind had blown all night hard as it did most of this day from N.W. - sweeping the snow into all manner of forms & shapes. Late in the m'g visited Dr Swift's - found the Dr digging through a great drift beyond his house - joined him in the undertaking - presently J. Brooks' came up and took Dr's shovel - the purpose was soon effected - I delivered a verbal order to Dr S. from E. Montague which he unwillingly received - it was to pay me \$4.14 - he handed me for E. a five dollar bill on Worcester bank - paid him the change & put it in my Montague pocket book. Went to F. Blackmer to get my bill changed so as to get \$3. to be ready for our minister - but he could not do it - went to Mrs Hall's & borrowed Secret History of the Court of St Cloud - Goldsmith's Greece, Vicer of Wakefield, Exiles of Siberia & an old volume of the Spectator - with these came home & most of the remaining p't of the day stuck to the history of StCloud. Father was ill - Mr Kent paid his respects to us P.M. Parsons at J. Rogers' finished a pr of little shoes for H. Hopkins - we furnished stock. Justin waited waited

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Feb'y waited upon Damia to Algiers where she rec'd her loose coat in compleat style of Miss Stewart her tayloress - they wanted to pay for the work out of my five dollar bill - but carrying it to Safford's to get it changed it was then considered as counterfeit. Justin returned with Dama to Waters' where as he was going up he had carried C. Rogers - Left her there to make an P.M. & ev'g visit - came home - handed back the sd bill which by Lem Sherwood Jun I sent back to Dr Swift who told me he had it of W. L. Sherwood Haswell if I rightly understood him. Lem was here on horseback - complained of being much out of health. At night J. Rogers gallanted home the ladies & procured brandy from Norton's to be prepared for his people from Pownal. I forgot to mention The American Speaker when enumerating the books I borrowed this m'g in which I read among other pieces the Inaugurals of Adams & Jefferson which so pleased my good father that for a time his cold almost left him - so high did it raise his spirits to review past scenes & opinions - these are most excellent things - read them at night.  
American Speaker.







THURSDAY, FEB'Y 20 Snowed lightly, more or less, damp from S.W. - the wind being a part of the time pretty high from that quarter - storm ceased mid. P.M. followed by thawy weather - clouds low - foggy on mount'n. Father continued unwell. I perused & was highly pleased with Goldsmith's Wakef'd. In the midst of my reading, Mr Abijah Crane, Missionary Agent, came in & presented a paper signed by my father Jan'y 20 1820. Not having money sufficient to meet the demand - drew an order on my friend Frank Blackmer for three dollars, the sum due, which he received, entered payment & with consent of the good man, my father, I had his name erased or crossed out. The reasons for this are too numerous to mention here - The young man appeared very well - spoke with ease & affability, nor do I think he could assume that reverential severity which was displayed by Mr Jackson See V. 5 p. 497

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Feb'y 1823 FRIDAY, FEB'Y 21st Cloudy - wind S. thawy - rained some in the evening. Father being unwell rode to the N. end of the town with mother & soon returned. I chopped at the pile - Late P.M. to please the babe played the violin a few moments coarsely - in the eve'g read to Wakefield Sally the celebrated Vicar of Wakefield - was much moved at the acc't given of his house being burnt - the babes were saved - the scene was too interesting to be passed over without a tear, though I was well aware of the fiction. This story is full of moral instruction - it ought to teach us (rational) the inestimable value of National contentment in every situation to which we are doomed. Our girls were conveyed to the Court house to singing school by J. Martindale. Mr House if I mistake not drew two horse loads of Mr House. wood to J. Rogers.

B. Hand SATURDAY, FEB'Y 22 Thawy & cloudy - wind W. or N.W. We delved slowly at the wood-pile. P.M. took time to hear Ben Hand play the fid. - he performed in middling style - imagined that, for my ear he had too ~~much~~ many strings to his bow, or in other words mixed up his sounds to confusedly. The instrument was Henry's which he took home with him, House. having sold his own. Mr House drew loads more of wood with his sorrel & grey to J. Rogers' - Early in the evening with thirty lbs butter father & I rode to Cushman's & after trying the neighborhood pretty faithfully could sell only 10 lbs of it to him who paid \$1.66 in full. Received from Darius Clark towards butter, in his book-store \$1.05 - specie. We directed our D. Clark. course towards home - called at F. Blackmer's and with money redeemed my F. Black'r order pr Mr C. as set down p. 381. - Bo't & paid for 1 lb 0/4 nails 14" - S. Morse We saw & talked with Sol Morse by B's door - then came to Dr Swift's - found him & his lady in the sitting room - he was employed at shaving himself before the looking-glass - paid me for the money sent back to him (which he considered good) a Brattleboro three, & a Troy two dollar bills - and then informed us

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Feb'y 1823 that he had the books of the late firm of Swift & Pickett in which there stood a balance against B. Harwood of \$20.47 - produced his book & shewed the same - this rather startled me as I had supposed we had paid money sufficient to make the accounts even or nearly so - resolved to lose no time in looking into the business - See Oct 24 1821 - & Jan'y 8 1822 - Jan 4 th 1821, also May 3 1822 - Oct 14 same year. Miss C. Waters tarried here P.M. & n't. Mr Parsons this evening had some dispute with mother about mission aries with mother.

SUNDAY, FEB'Y 23 This clouds - handsome weather most of the day - yet was there a chill breeze from the S. & the snow gave way before it - snowed slightly at night. Father & the girls went to meet ing - J. Martindale to his father's - J. Rogers with bullocks & sleigh bro't







a bbl of cider from Horace Dimmicks - had the misfortune to have his little dog's leg broken. Wrote Journ'l & made out an acc't of cash paid to Swift & Pickett - \$44.13 - also to Pickett from Feb'y 19 to Oct 14 1822 \$48.15  
 H.W. In the evening Parsons & B. Loomis as well as H.W. (who was away by 9 o'clock) paid their respects to us - J.Rog's & lady visited in Algiers.  
 J.Rogers o'clock) paid their respects to us - J.Rog's & lady visited in Algiers.  
 Vicar of This night finished reading the Vicar of Wakefield - ended very handsomely  
 Wakf(d. ly

MONDAY, FEB'Y 24 Snowy in a moderate degree from N. - wind pretty chilly & steady from that quarter. Sold, early this morning, to T.C. Parsons 2 bbls rye at 3/6 - received payment in full - With a grist of grain of his - butter & cheese for ourselves, father & I rode in sleigh to town - carried to J.T. Robinson 29-3/4 lbs cheese - to Mrs Merrill 16-1/2 do - for the former received pay in full \$2.48 in Fassett's bar-room - for the latter had fair words, smiles & good encouragement. At Fassett's saw a Mr Morgan, brother of Ezra M., Pownall - who informed us that 6 years since he married for 2d wife Mary Phillips

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Feb'y 2nd daughter of my grandfather Harwood's youngest sister, the only the only person of all his brothers & sisters now alive. Mrs M. said she lived in comfortable circumstances with her 3d husband - had a competent support which would be durable - in Cambridge, Vt where he himself lived and to which he was now returning - had a boy of his own & another - son of the late Sam Barber of Pow'l with him - his first partner in life was the sister of that gent. His present lady had brought him 3 children - was about 40. Wm Smedley & his youngest sister were married well and lived in the N. p't of Ohio - Patience their sister a few years since was married at Champlain to an Irishman, by occupation a tinner - lived in the State of N.Y. not a great distance W. F. Gove & his lady (Lois Phillips once an inmate of this dwelling under the control of her uncle, my venerable gr'd fath'r) resided in Swanton - making good headway - her brother Michael had a small farm in Cambridge on which himself & family lived in good style. If I write that Smedley was said to be rich with knowledge enough to keep his riches which came by way of his wife - then I may cease giving any further account of my gr't aunt Hepzibah & her family -  
 Hepzibah At Pickett's sold 19-1/2 lbs butter at 1/0 - father went to mill for Parsons & I went to looking over accounts with Amos Marsh - there were present most of the time employed at this, old Mr Welch, Capt Fry, Geo Caldwell & Tho's Davenport - Mr W. chief punster - good at relating an anecdote - they even diverted our attention from the proper business before us - uncle S. Robinson had an errand there, but was off again soon.  
 Harwood. Having thoroughly examined the accounts - found B. Harwood Dr \$.... Cr \$..  
 Wid. leaving due the estate of S. Pickett \$3. which I paid in full.  
 Pickett. We were no way dissatisfied with the books.

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Feb'y but felt a degree of disappointment because of having supposed, from reports which I had from time to time received from Mr Pickett, that with the Company (S.&P.) as well as himself we were not far in rear. (P.383)  
 1823 Father got back from Algiers, where he paid Miss Stewart in full for making Dama's loose coat & altering a bonnet for my lady, \$3.08 - before the business at the store was finished. For the butter we were to receive the value in goods - took up rather over a dollar's worth & then set our faces toward home - Let us mention that for the buffalo we owed Wid. Pickett \$4.50 Near Frank's store Ch Thatcher jumped in to ride to Dr Swifts to pay borrowed money with which he had made a payment toward his place.  
 Miss Stewart At Frost's left the sleigh - father went on home - I paid to John Frost one dollar and thirty eight cents in full of all demands - he balanced in my presence - I promised to do so by mine - & so I did when I got home







Hay &  
Wood.

Saw his lady - likewise Mr Rider of Woodford who appeared to be settling acc'ts with F. - they both complained of ill health - the latter said his head was as big as a bushel. At home assisted in adjusting affairs at the barn which leads me to mention the state of our creatures there. The number & value may be seen by turning to p. 185 - was now in excellent condition - besides had two good young calves not included in that statement. Had nearly all the hay of the W. mow entire, which was pretty high - & also a goodly quantity of straw on hand. Of seasoned wood, supposed the quantity remaining at pres't to be about 9 cords - 4-1/2 being 2 yrs old H.W. danced a few violent "Rattling-back-steps" - I played for him this eve'g. Read a few good old Parliamentary speeches.

TUESDAY, FEB'Y 25 A very cold morning - fine clear day - High N.W. wind much like March winds. Attended very early at Dr Swift's to settling acc't with the late firm of S. & Pickett - Examined very closely & found

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Feb'y 1823 everything correct except a charge of \$2.35 on the ledger which could not be seen on the day book - we concluded to let it stand thus & balance the accounts and refer it to Amos Marsh, clerk to the firm, to see if he could substantiate the charge. We stood charged \$ Cr.\$ - due S & P \$20.43 to which was added 18 months interest \$1.77 making the whole amount 22.20 - signed a note for the same to Swift & Pickett. Lyman Andrews from Hoo-sick came after the Dr to go and see his father who he said appeared to be cholicky - L. Sher'd talked of going too. Breakfasted at D's - went into the office a mom't - saw Morgan - Came home by 10 o'clock - busy chiefly at the wood-pile, remainder of the day - Justin assisted to the am't of 1/2 day. Father & mother took a ride - & paid a visit at uncle S. Robinson's - In the eve'g read newspapers & speeches. A great sleigh-ride took place in which many of the middle-aged married people took part - they rode to Arlington. Jo Hand & H. Debar went on a night scald to Levi Down's, Pown'l. This morning saw a Mr Gardner who said he lived with Esq Aaron Hubbell - had his nephew with him going on foot to Pown'l - the Staunton youngster said he saw Sam'l Staunton of New Lisbon, N.Y. about the 17th of Dec'r last at which time he had so far recovered from his illness as to be able to do some light chors

THURSDAY, FEB'Y 27 Flying clds A.M. - P.M. pretty clear - wind high N.W. became very cold at night. Snow was now in this country was now if I am correctly informed over two feet deep in the ~~road~~ woods - in the open fields & by the sides of highways &c it was moulded into majestic drifts. H. Dimmick & lady went home from here this morning.

WEDNESDAY, FEB'Y 26 Cloudy red morning - sun shone out, but about 11 A.M. commenced snowing fast - continued without much

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intermission till evening - seemed to be from an E. direction. Was early at Dr Swift's where Amos Marsh came - the books were searched & it was fully established that the charge of \$2.35 was a mistake in posting - which with the interest was deducted from the note - being \$2.56 - the Dr endorsed it on sd note - Waited for Amos a few moments to assist the Dr in looking over the books - then carried him, L. Sherwood & one of Waters' girls into the street. At the store rec'd in cott. cloth & 1 lb tea am't of what was due on the butter sold there on the 24th inst - whole am't of butter \$3.25 Wjile here rec'd from C. Bisbee for cheese \$1.50 in a handsome Troy bill & very nice 50" cent piece (Jour. 729) Got some Washington papers at Clark's - went to Safford's & bro't bag of meal for Parsons - had Jenny shod at uncle Jo Norton's - one new shoe behind only - 34" -







which-we-reckoned,that-is-my-father-&-I,-with-putting-on-shoe-to-the-----

which we reckoned, that is my father & I, with putting on shoe to the cutter amounted to about \$1.84 Uncle J. & C.H. both present - the latter performed a small job for Elisha Lyon of Woodford who said he should go to Hoosick for a load of corn. Charles in his cutter followed me to the meeting house - here I called on F. Blackmer & settled a small acc't which by mistake on his part he made out to be but 71 cents - I knew it was more & paid him in full 94" - He had omitted charging what I took up there p.359  
 Blackmer 2/3 Gent. pres't were Esq'r Selden, Mr C. Bingham, Mr Bliss, E. Waters, E.D.  
 Congress Norton & Jo Day Jun Eve'g read a curious debate in the H. of R. Feby 5 on a motion for raising a committee to examine into the fact respecting an erasure in one the public documents - in which there was considerable  
 J. Rogers' warmth. Jon. Rog. rec'd as comp'y H. Dimmick & lady - A. Brown & lady -  
 company. S.C.P. - J. Habd & H. Debar - and B. Loomis. D. & his wife staid all night  
 Dimmick. - B's lady left R's alone - waded through the snow knee-deep - B. soon followed.

THURSDAY, FEB'Y 27 For the beginning see opposite page. Wind had been very high in the night - roads a good deal drifted - we had a little digging to do

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March We worked on the wood pile. Mrs Rog. paid our ladies a day's visit.  
 1823 Evening I wrote Jour'l & read some good speeches in Parliament.

FRIDAY, FEB'Y 28 Pretty clear - very cold - wind at times blew hard fr N.W. - worked at wood pile - Jon Rog. with our sleigh & horses carried Kent & his boy Thom's to Esq A. Hubbell's - got a grist of corn for him & carried it to Dewey's mill - Jon was not well pleased with his trip.

SATURDAY, MARCH 1 Middling cl'r - Chill S. wind in the M8 m'g which after wards seemed to be from N.W. - some of the time quite high - snow flying as usual at this season - Worked at the wood-pile.  
 J Rogers J. Rog. & H. Bear with Brown's ~~men-&-cutter~~ mare & cutter visited the furnace - returned by way of Capt Norton's where he said he learned that they  
 H Debar were about to dissolve partnership. Ev'g read 'Goldsmith's Greece'.  
 Norton's

SUNDAY, MARCH 2 A cutting wind for several hours prevailed from the S. attended a part of the time with snow - Late P.M. cl'ds dispersed in a great measure, the air grew mild, but late in the eve'g the wind changed to N.W., snowed from that quarter & a most uncomfortable night followed. My reading was mostly in Goldsmith's Greece - other subjects rec'd some attention - wrote Journ'l. J. Rog. & H. Debar visited at Heesick House's - Three of Mr Brown's neighbors from North Castle came here to lodge. Capt Brown, Charles his son with his lady & Sam H. Brown arrived at Abraham's. Mr Parsons visited here this day. Sally went to his house.  
 Capt. Brown.

MONDAY, MARCH 3 The wind most keenly blew from N.W. all this day - but at times much harder than at others - drifted dreadfully in some places - especially beyond Dr Swift's - so that travellers had to leave the road & go thro' the lots to the E. Our Connecticut guests staid till late in the morning talking of this & that. Walked to Clark's printing office where the greater part of the P.M. spent in reading papers found nothing very interesting except the description of the birth place of Shakespeare & some particulars respecting Napoleon -  
 Snow-drifts  
 Shakes<sup>2</sup>peare.







March 1823 visited the P. Office - saw Lewis Upham talking with Richard Carpenter - the former wanted to buy butter, engaged him 20wt at 1/0. At Fassett's heard it said that the E. stage route across the mountain was so blocked up that they were going to next day break out the road - it was likewise said that the snow in the woods was two feet deep on the level. G. House & H. Waters were there. Rode with friend Brown down the hill to Blackmer's there saw L. Dewey, Job Burt, N. F. Champney, & others. Bo't of B. 3 yds checked cotton at 2/0, piece of tape 6/0/9, 7 small buttons, 7 cents - borrowed thirty five cents cash, whole am't chargd \$1.54. Me, L. Sherwood Jun & on being solicited told him I could do nothing on account of bad circumstances towards the Chemical Lectures talked of. At Dr Swift's paid to Mrs S. two dollars in specie to be endorsed on the S. & Pickett note. Eve'g read congressional speeches. J. Rogers & his friend Hen Debar with Brown's & our own teams went to Tayer's to get wood - bro't 1 load to Mr Godfrey's Al-giers - the other to Waters. Our company from Brown's came late to their lodging. Left a billet to Green Blackmer at Frank's to inform him of my G. Black'r not being returned to the town clerk's office equipt - requesting him to see the selectmen respecting the business. Our boy cried heartily late at night. Parsons visited us this evening.

TUESDAY, MARCH 4 Tolerably fair, sharp air, hazy tow'd ev'g. A sun-dog was seen late P.M. Shovelled snow out of our private road above Parsons' and some this side his house. P.M. going in cutter to S S White-Capt Norton's overtook a young man with a pack on his back who at his solicitation took in, carried him nearly to P. meeting house where I safely landed him & rec'd pay in a dirty cold bar-room. By 2 P.M. ret'd to Capt N's - Norton talked there a good while with old Mrs N. chiefly concerning Norman Judd - who she said was doing well at Rome, N.Y.

March 1823 Lydia was present, but Eliza they said was at Buel's (Pow'l) - Saw a plain looking lady whom I did know - some fifty years had passed over her head I should guess. John & a hired man were drawing wood off Mt Anthony. Mr Kent & J. Duncan came to get brandy, but for some cause or other it could not be drawn. Capt N. was at Brown's - Luman & Lady riding out. Got home sometime before night - father had made an impression on the woodpile. Eve'g our North Castle friends, the 2 Husteds & Mr Green came to lodge with us. The man with but one eye entertained us with an account of the Ohio & another 74 built at N.Y. - in fact this gentleman appeared to be very intelligible & correct on whatever subject he undertook to converse - his brother & Mr G. might be equally as well informed, but said much less than he did. Late & unexpect'd, our ladies rec'd comp'y, viz - Hiram & Perez, sons of P. Harwood Esq - mClark (schoolmaster), Misses Lavina & Pamela Harwood & Sally Blackmer. H. Waters here too. In noticing the young man that rode with me this P.M. forgot to mention that he said he was by occupation a shoemaker. Had lived nearly a year at Dorset where there were two of his sisters living having families, was now on his return to a place, the name I do not recollect, in Windham Co., C't the residence of his parents - said his name was Sam'l S. Whitehouse.

Visit to Arlington WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5 Heavy S. wind - a rapid thaw ensued attended with some rain. Father in cutter with Dama set out for Arlington - their boat was over-set by running foul of a snow bank a few rods below the house - nothing serious followed - they went to B. Hills' - had a pleas't visit & ret'd at night with S. Waters. Sawed some wood, attended to other concerns. J. Rog & lady went to town on business. Rec'd of F. Johnson Freeborn Johnson in the kitchen \$10 to pay a debt of \$9.43 - agreed to cash. hand him the balance the first time I saw him - paid us a litt. visit - fluted a few times.







THURSDAY, MARCH 6

Rained a good deal this day from S.W. - the snow wen off very fast - perhaps never more rapidly - tolerably warm. Too stormy for business without - the rotten fruit was culled from among the apples in the cellar - Something was done at the woodpile Asssisted at a settlement between uncle Kent & J.Rogers - the former as usual had no account to show - everything on his part was from recollection - & I was sorry to see in him an unfair disposition in making up his charges - did not appear to care for anything but to get the better in numbers - what he meant by this kind of behaviour I leave him to explain. There was no difficulty - Jon. allowed him every indulgence possible & after all bro't him in debt 24 cents which he threw in - called even & passed receipts. Rog. \$12.33, Kent \$12.09 - done in presence Hen Debar & Jo Hand. A Mr Andrews from the W. p't of the town came to see Mr Kent, after he had gone home, about hiring the Dr Fay house the coming season with him. J.Rog. & Cath. his wife with their babe Adelaide visited here this evening.

FRIDAY, MARCH 7

High rough chilly wind from N.W. blew ab't a light snow pretty badly - Drove business awhile at the woodpile till S.H.Brown came over when we retired to talk with him - found him much disposed to be a merchant. While I was shaving myself to go to town friend E.Fay Jun came in & talked about buying one of our cows but we could spare him none - On my way to town visited Johnson at the office - paid him 53 cents which he said was sufficient for what was due him tow'd what he paid me on the 5th. At Mrs Parsons paid to Amos Marsh, her clerk, \$4.50 for a buffalo skin bo't Feb'y 11 - Mr Hicks' Sr & B.Webb present. Visited Merrill & R's office - saw the Col., U.M., S.Fay, H.Rob'n, D.Clark, Capt Succoman, H.Hall & J.W.Pitt - the last by a decree of the court obtained his liberty after 11 months impris't - but the sheriff felt dissatisfied for want of proper documents & on that account did not formally grant him his freedom. Whipple & Pitt were allowed by the court the privilege of a new trial - Succoman felt sure that P could best him next time

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Talked with Col M a few moments respecting Congress folks. One of Gov. Galusha's sons of Shaftsbury came to consult a little on probate business in relation to the estate of Norman Hinsdill deceased. At Fassett's staid a mom't - there were pres't Genl R., David Jun, Harry Robinson, C. Bisbee, Mr Webster, Geo Robinson & Joel Rice. Called at Dr H.Swift's to know if he had any charges against us on a company b'k - examined & foun none except \$1 for doctoring Debar's leg for which told him we did not hold ourselves responsible. The Dr's little Charles, 3 yrs old, lay ill o of a bad cold in the cradle - Mrs S., Lucy Street & Lem Sherwood Jun were all pres't. At F.Blackmer's after waiting for the man to return from supper & playing the flute for old Lilly of Pow'l who had been a matross in the Rev'y Army - now a pensioner - Bo't 2 yds chequered cott. at 2/0, paid for that & what I bo't on the 3rd inst 13/3d in full. At home they had a small ball at which T.C.Parsons, J.Rogers, H.Waters, H. Debar, J.Hand, D.Hand, S.Waters, L.Harwood, D & S Harwood assisted - the 4 last were ladies - Benj Hand Jun was musician - performed very scrupulously too.

Lilly.

Ball.

SATURDAY, MARCH 8

Fine & fair till towards eve'g when the S.wind blew up very fresh, became cloudy. Father car'd the ladie on a visiting party at E.Waters' - Mother & Sally were not included. He went to mill with a grist of corn, returned with a number grists for several different neighbors - Mr K. in particular - worked besides at the wood. We had choppers by wholesale - H.Waters, H.Debar & J.Martindale - the latter I think must be credited for what he did this day & on Wednes







Bisbee day - 1 days work - Mr Bisbee had on short credit 20-1/4 lbs cheese at 0/6. F.Johnson applied for & had liberty to board with us awhile - played the flute quite merrily. Supped with us. Dr Swift was in full expectation of removing to Mrs Pickett's to reside

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March 1823 Neighbor L.Jewett paid us his respects this P.M. while J.Rog. was employed in making him a laste on which a pair of boots was about to be made. H.Waters complained of pain in one of his gr't toes which he violently bruised against the mop-board of our old kitchen or rather against the lower hinge of the outer door (Dr J. pronounced it a sprain) I had not got quite through with it - he did it while dancing on Friday eve'g - Dr J. saw it this P.M.

SUNDAY, MARCH 9 Clear a part of the day - flying clds remainder of the day - high chill N.W. wind - or say from N.E. Principally occupied in writing. H.W. here all day - B.Loomis only a part thereof. Evening visited friend L.Norton - talked of history &c as usual - some respecting schools. A young man belonging to the family ; C. & Emma Loomis were there.

MONDAY, MARCH 10 Cold morn'g - fine day. chill wind N. bad sleighing. Went to mill - called, on my return, a mom't at Mr Godfry's - drank some cider - heard uncle Geo. crack a few jokes & came away. Mrs G., Mrs W. her daughter, Pitts & the 2 litt boys I saw there. S.P Pratt Jr borrowed of the old gent. his snow-shoes to visit a trap, of some kind, at the E. Visited the hill to get information respecting the duty of a clerk of School District, but found no one that could shed much light on the subject. At Fassett's heard Judge Fay relate that Capt M. Robinson had rec'd a slight shock of palsy in his hand & arm below the elbow & on the same side (the right) his foot & thence to his face - these limbs were in no particular pain but felt cold. At Clarke's got papers which included an extra Intelligencer that had several good speeches in it on the Tariff question - read some of them at night. In Probate office they bro't in Judge Olin's will - what was done with it was none of my concern. Our small steelyards were regulated by Dexter, for which he charged 0/9 - acknowledged a litt demand against himself of fifty cents - would soon pay me the balance - P.146 By noon returned to my work with fath'r & J.Martindale at the w'dpile. J.Rogers got home his wood from Waters & some from other quarters - F.Johnson began to board with us.

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March 1823 TUESDAY, MARCH 11 Hard frozen ground - chill S. wind in the morning - at noon commenced snowing, mixed with hail - eve'g dark & rainy. Worked until it stormed - remainder of the day read speeches - Evening taken up in the same way - speeches mostly on manufactures. J.Martindale went to Brown's school. H.Debar to fifing school.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12 The snow & hail which had fallen the preceding day made very decent sleighing. Keen N.W. wind. Mother father with Adeline rode as far as Pownal meeting house, returned about n'n. L.Sherwood Jun'r in the time of a shower of snow called in - talked with him awhile - he invited me to attend a little exhibition at Lyman's school house on Friday evening next - promised conditionally I would. This man having cleared - E.Montague made his appearance, staid as much as an hour - gave him the note which he gave me Jan'y 23 - found that through inattention he never signed it - nor had I discovered it before now, which occasioned some laugh between us. Accompanied Montague







to Major L. Norton's - They were sometime in trying to make a bargain ab' laying the walls of the great old shop which L. Intended in May or June to remove onto his part of the Atwood farm just above Machy. They could not agree whether it should be by the job or by the day - \$20 parted them L. offered him \$50 - Montague asked \$70 - The only thing they finally established was that M. should have the job at all events. At the time Mrs N. had her dinner ready M. L. Selden came to get bricks for the furnace which had lately blown out, to fix the hearth - Our friend went to wait on him - M. & I sat down to dinner - Luman returned with an Englishman who transacted business for Hunt - who had just rec'd bricks to the am't, I think, of \$13.87-1/2 at 0/9 a piece. I got a 2 gall jug which was included in our settle't (p.318) had put in it 2 galls high wines - equal to 2-1/2 reduced, and while they were talking more their bargain, walked with friend John down to the Atwood barn where he & Pierce and another man were cleaning oats - from this place returned alone & at length left Luman's shop & came home.

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March 1823 M. has business with J. Rog - father, myself & he visited his kitchen where were Mr R., lady, Miss Fanny Hull, & the babe. Miss H. app'd in a high superb ruff - to be sure she cut no ungraceful figure - a little bordering on the 20 -years-ago style - I mean no bad comparison - Visited town with Fanny Hull. M. - paid 25 cents which J. Martindale put in my hands towards an Arithma-Martindaletic which he bought in the early part of the winter of D. Clark - Montague Hen. Rob. agreed to pay the remaindr 75" - on acc't of services rendered at the limekiln - had it charged to Mont. in his absence - Had a very agreeable conference with Col Merrill - visited friend Her. Robinson to inquire how to perform the duty of school dis't clerk, said I must go round to every house in my District to take the census of the scholars - a few good anecdotes of Washington City & closed the scene  $\frac{3}{4}$  C. Doolittle being present. Eaton Morgan accompanied me home from Dr Swift's.

THURSDAY, MARCH 13 Fine & warm - hazy towards night in the morning being hard frozen a sleigh would slide tolerably easy but before night this fun was nearly all spoiled by the fair sun. We steadily pursued business at the woodpile. H. Debar drove sleigh & horses to mill for us - gallanting at the same time from the house to Waters', S. Waters & Damia & from Jon's to H. Hull's, Miss Fanny H., his wife's sister. Damia in breach of mother's calculations was absent till night - pleading in excuse the fervent solicitation of friends - so hard of late was it for her to shape her mouth to pronounce the cold & comfortless word "No". Cousin N. Robinson bro't his mother hither for a week - rec'd a bbl of cider to be paid for in sugar if successful in that article - or, otherwise if not. Wrote for J. Rog this eve'g, who with his lady & babe visited us. Parsons was here - L. Sher'd Jun st'd all ng't.

FRIDAY, MARCH 14 Stormy nearly all day - rather from S.E. - rain - rain & snow - ending in snow - fair & cold in the evening wind N. Past 2 P.M. set out in cutter for Mr Sherwood's - beyond Mr Harmon's fell in company with a footman of sparkling countenance about 22. - tanner and currier from Middle

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March 1823 bury, Vt., going to Troy, N.Y. to work at journey work - enquired for a Mr Hurlburt of Hoosick, carpenter & joiner to whom neither I nor Mr S's folk could direct him - said Mr H. was his uncle. At Mr S's found them in preparation for attending Lyman's Exhibition - Was seated in the long kitchen awhile with Ben Allen, Childs the musician & Marvin Sherwood.







Early in the eve'g the performance began in the S. house & continued till nearly 12 o'clock. All things were conducted in due order - the speakers spoke generally so as to be plainly understood - the ladies however were too low in tone as is usually the case with them in public speaking. Mr Childs played and sang the 'Garland' accompanied by the voice of a lady, very gracefully. Our music was rather dull on account of not being trained before hand - Isaac Hellen - violin - M. Sherw'd, Geo. Walbridge, clar' H. Harwood fl't. The principal subject of the plays was love-intrigues. Took a late supper at Mr S's. Lem. & his girls went home. I tarr'd all night

SATURDAY, MARCH 15 Fine indeed, but chilly - stiff w'd N.W. Worked, after returning from S's, pretty steadily at the wood with father - Justin who made it his chief business to read the Scottish Chiefs, worked in my stead while I carried Aunt Sarah to cousin U.M's in sleigh - visited printing & post offices as usual - returned with S.W. & Adeline from Waters'. Evening read newspaper to father & Parsons. Mr Andrews & family came to the Dr Fay house to reside.

SUNDAY, MARCH 16 Very fine, cold & clear - wind N.W. Pursued the conclusion of a Debate in Congress (H. of R.) on the mutilated documents presented through Treasury Depat't - Great cry & little wool - much said on rather an unimportant subject. Examined Grecian History respecting Xerxes' expedition into Greece. Parsons visited us P.M. H. Waters Father was unwell - Dr Swift came down to see S. Waters. H.W. assisted in S. Waters taking care of cattle at night.

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MARCH 1823 Kent. Dimmick. MONDAY, MARCH 17 Mild & fair A.M. - P.M. Cld'y with signs of rain. Labor at the woodpile was prosecuted spiritedly by father, Justin & myself Mr Kent dressed 5 lbs 13 oz flax. H. Dimmick called upon us to borrow musical instructions for his brother Abel & a 3/4 augur - the first I could not furnish - the last he obtained - told many anecdotes of himself &c - said he had got up a woodpile consisting of 54 loads averaging 1-1/4 cds pr l'd. J. Roge & Spencer went to try a hand at hunting - had no success.

TUESDAY, MARCH 18 An E. storm of rain hail & some snow commenced toward noon & held on all day. What time it was fair was improved at the woodpile. P.M. went to Dr Swift's - looked over accounts & found ourselves indebted to him & Dr H. his brother, for medical attendance Since Dec 1821 up to the present time \$15.33 which comprehended everything not included in our settl't in March last. On his private acc't owed him for lumber rec'd in Ap'l 1818 - \$4.57 - Tow'd the former p'd \$1.33 & signed a note to H. & H. Swift for \$14.00 - for the latter gave another to Dr N. for the am't thereof. Mrs S. & her daughter were at work on a bedquilt. Dr S., L. Sher'd & F. Johnson rode off to Pinch Gut to perform a surgical operation on a hair-lipt infant. Spent the eve'g reading Cyclopaedia (Athens) article) Accompanied by J., who tarried all night returned home. Mr Kent got out 5-1/4 lbs flax. Justin cut wood at the school-house & bargained on conditions to be hereafter specified, to labor for us at \$8.00 pr mth. Caroline & Delia Waters were here on a visit.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19 Very stormy - snowy from the E. not very cold. Worked but litt. Took care of young lambs of which Lambs there were 5







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J.Rogdrs went to mill - carried his lady to Algiers - returned with grist for himself, Brown & ourselves - at F.Blackmer's being furnished with cash bo't us a lot lb of tea which made the quantity of that article purchased for this family since Nov 15 1822 amount to 10-3/4 & the sum paid \$7.33 - Mrs Waters came down with J.R. - Car & D., her daughters, went home with her. The day was finally closed with a little dance by F.Johnson & Lydia J.Martd'l & Dama - Mr Kent, who had dressed 5-1/4" flax, looked on. Justin made a bargain to work a few days for L.Nort'n. Parsons, Henty & J.Hand visited here this eve'g.

THURSDAY, MARCH 20 Gloomy - snowy all day on the mountains - snowed here P.M. Wind blew high from N.W. at night. We were bus

Singing school.

Letter to Mrs R. Stone. Duncan.

busy at the woodpile - Justin assisted & finished chopping the pile. J. Rog. carried the ladies, Mrs R., S.Waters & Dama to Capt N's. I gallanted Mrs W. home. Justin went to singing school with the girls. In the evg read the unfortunate invasion of Sicily by the Athenians - Nicias & Demosthenes were executed by the Syracusans. Mr J.Duncan with his son Dewey came here this morning - the latter was the bearer of a short letter from me to Widow B.Stone, my aunt, in Scipio, N.Y. - It contained nothing more important than that we were in health &c.

FRIDAY, MARCH 20 Very cold m'g & fair, high wind, N.W. which made the snow fly merrily - pretty cold all day. Father pursued business at the woodpile. I went through our School District on foot to ascertain the number of scholars over 4 & under 18 years of age -

Census of School District. found there were on the 1st inst 50 - There had been a school kept in sd Dist. from March 1st 1822 to March 1st 1823 - 40 weeks. Paid Lydia & G. House a pretty good visit - the latter had lately arrived from a visit at the N. Mentioned that H.Barnum & C.Saff'd & families were doing well in Harwood. Enosburgh

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J.Rog's

Harriet, eldest daughter of Mr C.Saff'd was m'd to a Mr Parker in Dec'r 1822. L.Jewett handed me an acc't against the Dist't for repairing school house, which according to his request I handed to L.Norton, one of the Prudential Committee. J.Rog., his lady & Dama rode to Par.C.Factory & got a quantity of col.wool at 25" pr lb, of which mother rec'd 1-1/2 lbs. Mr Kent dressed lbs 5, 2 oz flax.

SATURDAY, MARCH 22 Warm & cloudy - muddy - wind S.W. A.M. father, mother & Adeline took a sleigh ride, first to town & then to

H.Debar Selectmen

Blackmer V.of Wak'd

Mr Duncan's on Staunton hill. The woodpile was kept doing. Henry (P.M.) assisted. I went to town - found the Selectmen together at Cushman's - they gave an order of \$3.00 to John Morse for repairing bridge below the Gov. R. house. I tried to get a hearing concerning my case as stated pp 341-7 - but could not. Besides the selectmen saw S.Fay, H.Robinson, Sheriff's, U.Edgerton, O.C.Merrill, Stephen Robinson, Judge Fay, Wm Haswell, David Robinson Jr J.Watson & James Nichols Jun AtvPatchin's pd 4" for a snuff-box - at Swift's bo't of A.Marsh 7 yds inc at 2 cents pr yd - came down the hill to Blackmer's with S.Randall - st'd there a short time talking with S.H.Blackmer, A.Robinson &c - then after visiting Hall in his office, returning the V. of Wakef'd & talking a good while came home & talked & read away the eve'g till past 11. Parsons visited us this night. Kent dressed this day 4-1/2 lbs flax.

SUNDAY, MARCH 23 Quite warm thawed extremely fast, very muddy in the roads. H.Dimmick this morning rendered us an act of kindness which shall long be remembered to his credit - we treated him with some old cid.brandy - in his turn he made some queer remarks on the







pending election in Pow'l & other subjects. Father being ill did not attend meeting. I had but little time to read - a part of which was devoted to examining the Sacred writings.

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March 1823 MONDAY, MARCH 24 Warm.cloudy morning - wind S.W. Before 10 o'clock wd veered to N.W. - flying clds - thawed rapidly - but was cold at night - Father continuing ill - had as much as I could well attend to looking after the welfare of cattle,horses,sheep,lambs,calves & c. A junkett was attended here this evening - L.Sherwood Jr,F.Johnson, H.Debar,J.Hand were present - also the ladies Miss S.Waters & Miss Anna Green from Pow'l- Parsons' - she was gallanted hither by H.Debar. Benj'n Hand Jun performed on the violin. Kent dressed 5 lb 10" flax

Flax TUESDAY, MARCH 25 Frozen hard in the morning,but it proved to be tolerably mild - wind S.W. toward eve'g - cloudy - We put up some fences besides taking care of fene creatures. Mr K. got out 5 lb 5 oz flax which struck the finishing blow to that business,there being in all this yr 42 lbs - settled all off with Mr Kent by giving 21 lbs of the same to him. J.Rog. & his lady visited Algiers - Mr Godfrey being sick. Sch.Dist. R. bo't leather for himself at Ballard's & a side of upper leather for us returns. at 22 shillings. By H.Debar sent my returns of District No.2 to W.Haswel Death of T.Clk. In the morning J.Rog. got a small load of wood & Mr Parsons with Mrs M. our establish't drew 500 cwt hay from Dr Swifts'. A Mr Stone from Williamstown informed us that Dr A.Porter's lady departed this life on the morning of the 24th aged not far from 44.

Town WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26 A small snow lay upon the ground & it was cloudy & Meeting. rather chilly all day - wind S.E. Attended March meeting. The same officers with a few exceptions were again appointed. L.Norton retired from the office of Selectman & was succeeded by S.Loomis There were 5 Listers chosen,viz: D.Robinson Jun,U.Edgerton,A.Hyde,L.Norton & J.Armstrong. There was long debate about rhe list of Hog-haywards,

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March 1823 a matter of little moment - the list comprehended both late married gent. & a great number unmarried - I was for the former - they finally voted in a goodly number,taking them in singly. Toward the close of the day much was said concerning the building of a bridge N. of Mr Hunt's - after a long struggle,the house being thin,a vote was obtained to instruct the selectmen to lay out \$200 toward building s'd bridge if in their opinion enough was first subscribed by individuals to compleat it - Taxes for the supp't of the poor 1 cent, for bridges & contingent expences,2 cents on the dollar. By request gave up my place as Trustee for the manage't of the school fund to L.Norton - the request was not from him but from his friend D.Robinson Jun'r on acc't of the former having been with the latter & U.Edgerton,last year constituted a particular committee to look up the notes &c relating to School lands - For more particulars see Justin took care of cattle &c for us.

D.Clark THURSDAY, MARCH 27 Pleas't,but muddy. We sawed & split wood - about finished doing it. Kent filed my saw & told stories for cash. us. Rec'd of Darius Clark in his bookstore five dollars towards butter & Death of cheese on the 26th inst. Parsons visited us this night. Died this day Mrs Frey- at Mr T.Squiers' Miss Harriet Freyley after an illness of a few weeks. ley.

FRIDAY, MARCH 28 Cloudy,some inclining to be stormy - snowed & rained very slightly tow'd evening. neither cold nor warm After due preparation commenced piling wood under our wood-shed. At Parson's early this morning an eighth child,5th son was born. It was the last day of C.Brown's winter school - gave good satisfaction I believe to his employers. Henry & J.Hand went to fifying school. U.M.Robinson came







down late in the day on an errand - to get Brook's cross-bar - was now engaged in preparing to build a small brick house. F. Johnson supped here. Parsons paid his respects to us this evening.

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March 1823 SATURDAY, MARCH 29 Tolerably fair, dry wind N.W. Pruned orchard A.M. along with fath'r & Mr Kent - the latter contin'd all day. P.M. fath. piled wood & I visited town. Rec'd of J. Rog's in full cash. of Jas Hick's Jr \$2.78, on book acc't. Borrowed of F. Blackmer \$3.00 By Tax pd the hand of U. Edgerton Esq sent to Mr J. French - collector of Peters' Mr Peters tax, \$8.93 to pay my father's tax in full. The money was paid over in Hicks' barroom - or rather - 8 dollars in bills was handed him in the hall, the remainder as stated at first. The Authority met in H's N.W. room to app't tavern keepers. By a resolution of the Board all keepers of public houses were prohibited from harboring common tipplers or accommodating gans of gamblers. G. Blackmer Esq examined his company returns by which he found I was returned equipped in full for military duty. I went to the T. Cl'ks office to get the original returns from B. to s'd office but could not obtain them for the col - He engaged that he would see that I was not troubled for my taxes on that acc't - Paid to F. Blackmer 16 cents for goods - did an errand at Dr Swift's - heard a short history from him of the old lawsuit between Mrs Hinman & Mr S. Brown.

SUNDAY, MARCH 30 Cloudy morning - P.M. high wind & coarse snow from SE Lambs & sheep carefully looked to - of the former there were 19 - of which the greater number were produced since about the 17<sup>th</sup> inst. Perused Goldsmoth's Greece - a little of the Old Testament and that Chapt'r in Luke which relates to our Savior going to Jerusalem &c previous to his crucifixion - concluded the day reading a few No's in the Old Bach "Old Bachelor". Justin rode to his father's in Pow'l without returning at night. Parsons visited us at eve'g. His house & ours were both haunted during the night - See Jan'y 17 & Mar 24 - Liked the O.B. pretty well.

MONDAY, MARCH 31 Snowed till late this m'g - wind strong from N. all day - Winter-like indeed. Main business piling wood

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April 1823 J. Rog. assisted by H. Deb. drew a l'd of wood from the W't. Kent made us a hand-barrow. - afterwards had oxen & sled to draw home his app'e wood. Dr Swift Dr Swift came to visit mother this morning - a stray sheep was shown him which he claimed & afterwards rec'd pr E. Dimmick. F. Johnson was here mg & ev'g - Sold in town to D. Robinson Jun 10 lbs & to D. Clark 6-1/2 lbs butter at 14" - rec'd no pay except 2 papers ink powd'r of the latter - 28" - Saw at M. & R's office C. & J. Hicks - Returned as I went in the big waggon - The remains of Miss Freeliagh were this P.M. interred - Serm'n by Mr Brownson of Arlington - Church Minister. J. Martindale arrived past noon - health much impaired by bad colds.

TUESDAY, APRIL 1st Fine & fair - wind pretty high from N. near night. Piling wood under wood-shed drawn on stone-boat constituted the business - Mr Bliss got a jug of vinegar here this morning & told us neighborhood & other news - Parsons paid his respects to us - Mr Kent agreed to work at farming framing a house for E. Montague & to let Montague pay us the half of his wages, which we were to receive next Fall, towards what he owed us - PP 363-4 - Montague was present & brim full of projects. Our litt. boy was this day 1 yr old. The N. half of the W. mow of hay remained entire - plenty of hay, grain & potatoes - no want of pork, cider, cider-brandy, beef nor apples - With few exceptions all our creatures were in good condition - See p. 385 - Gave Henry Debar an order on the store of F. Blackmer for the am't of \$1.50 - payable in six months







to enable Hen. to get cloth for a pr of shirts - for which he agreed to furnish me the cash the approaching fall.

H. Debar. WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2 Very warm, cloudy, strong wind S. Same bus. - Hen D. assisted - father was some out of health. Had now 23 lambs. Parsons here. Uncle S. & cousin Sam R. came to see us P.M.

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April 1823 THURSDAY, APRIL 3 Warm faint & cloudy - wind strong S. which bro't on rain at night - wind changed - grew cold rapidly afterwards. Snow melted at a great rate on the mountains - streams much raised. Contin'd piling wood - father was so unwell that he assisted but little - Dama sick - Dr Swift assisted her, visited her. F. Johnson arrived from Manchester and supped with us. Henry assisted at choars - had 25 lambs - we had in the course of the season 28 - lost 3. Our ladies rec'd the company of Mrs Joanna Eldred - Mrs C. Rog. & Miss S. Lyman. Evening Mrs Eldred. read the Essays of the "Old Bachelor" - good.

FRIDAY, APRIL 4 Fair, cloudy, wind high N.W. We finished piling wood under our shanty which was completely filled - comprising about 24 cords - 4-1/2 2 yrs old - 2 do 1 yr old - the remainder beech oak & bass the pres't yrs supply, besides a good deal round & refuse stuff yet to be piled - making our whole quantity on hand not much short of 30 cords. Henry assisted a little while before 12 and then P.M. went to Blackmer. fiffing school - bo't for us a lb of tea, pd for me to F. Blackmer three dollars which I borrowed on the 29 ult. I furnished him with a \$5 bill which on Thursday I rec'd of Parsons who had grain & 2 qts brandy amt'g to \$1.92 - owed him in change 58 cents. Johnson breakfasted & supped with us - Lem paid his respects to us this morning in really friendly style. A little pedlar or rather a pedlar of little books called upon us Bo't 0/6 worth of him & gave him his dinner. Debar paid for the tea noticed above, with our cash.

SATURDAY, APRIL 5 Cold, frozen m'g - tolerably fair weather - rather hazy Pruned young orch'd A.M. - P.M. piled old wood - had horses & sleigh to draw it up - T.C.P. rec'd 16" in a qt high wines tow'd the 58" I owed him. Henry gallanted Mrs R. to Jewett's to get sugar without success. F. Johnson was here in the morning only - 3 days the pres't week - Perused O. Bachelor.

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April 1823 SUNDAY, APRIL 6 Frozen moring - cloudy - wind S. - warmish very high wind indeed in the eve'g. Busy with Goldsmith's Greece - Noticed Phillip's tragical, end by the hand of one of his nobles as he was entering a theatre in the time of a grand festival, about the year before Christ 356 - his former queen was the chief instigator of the fell deed - Attended to writing as usual. Henry was off attending to his favorite pleasures - Justin arrived from Luman Norton's. Our little H.H. Harwood. Hopkins was quite ill.

MONDAY, APRIL 7 Cloudy - high wind S. - rained by short spells. Finished gathering up wood before the door - reckoned all on hand at this time amounted, according to computation to about thirty cords. Justin entered upon his seven months tour in our service at eight dollars pr month payable in cash & such articles as he wants if we have them including 14 gall's cider brandy. Johnson boarded through the day - Hen. Deb'r - Jo & Dan'l Hand tarried here preparatory to going to Troy







TUESDAY, APRIL 8 Rained some in the night & this m'g - very rough weather dollowed - snowed occasionally - wind high & cold N.W. - Clubbing dung, rigging fences, spread'g manure was carried on, as well as plowing A.M. - which last was commenced by Justin on the 7th P.M. Mr Kent came over with an adze & broad chissel which he had got newly fixed over by A.Norton - to grind - we assisted him & he set hoops for us - Dr Swift visited mother & the little boy - both being pretty sick. Henry D. & the two Hand boys started for Troy late this morning. Johnson here again as on the 7th. T.C.P. & J.Rog. visit us this ev'g.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9 Annual Fast. Frosty m'g - fine day - cool. Father went to Church. Damia & I hauled up & fastened together a number of newspapers. J.Rog. & Justin attended a part of the day to the usual course of exercise pursued by young men on such occasion Dr S. here in the m'g - mother sick all day - H.Hopkins grew better

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April 1823 Johnson breakfasted here & rode off with Dr S - saw no more of him all day. Parsons visited us thoroughly this eve'g. B.Loomis here late at eve'g - Had now but 24 lambs - poverty destroyed 1 for us.

Snow. THURSDAY, APRIL 10 Raw, chilly, S.E. wind, cliudy, with some snow which fell A.M. and evening - gloomy. Spreading & clubbing manure was our main business. Justin out of health & could work none at all - visited about the neighborhood. Towards evening our School District was called together to receive their public money which amounted to \$20. and handed over to Mr Brown our Instructor. This sum was then substracted from his School bill which left a valance of \$ due him which including repairs of S.House was apportioned out among the inhabitants according to what they sent to school. Some talk was had about hiring Mr B. to teach for 1 year - his terms were \$100. Those present 109 seemed to feel as if \$100 was enough. He finally offered to take it at \$104. - but no bargain was made - B. had a week allowed him to give his answer. Those present were - L.Norton, T.C.Parsons, R.Dickinson, E.Fay Jun., J.Norton Jun'r, R.Carpenter & Br'n including my own dear self - halted a moment at J.Norton's Jun's Parsons & I came home together. Johnson on the carpet as usual.

Bisbee. FRIDAY, APRIL 11 Cloudy, gloomy - cold wind from the E. This morning rode to town & rec'd 50" of Bisbee which with a dollar rec'd from J.Rog. made \$1.50 pd towards cheese - Rec'd of D.Robinson Jun \$1.40 in full for butter - We rode to Hoosick four corners - Bo't of Eber Crandell & Armstrong an iron plough including a spare point for \$10 if paid in a fortnight but if over that time \$10.50 - paid down \$1.50 & signed a note for \$9. due the 1st of Sept next - if \$8.50 should be sent within the fortnight it should talke up the note. Dined at Mr C's

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April 1823 his lady & family appeared promising - the former was holding an infant boy about six months old and reading the Troy N.Budget in which a distressing acc't was given of a great storm on our coast & in the N.River on the 30th ult. Mrs C. informed us that she was the daughter of a Mr Lewis, formerly neighbor to Elijah Stone when he resided in Hoosick. Mention was made of Obediah Leach formerly an apprentice at Capt Nortons who she said was now doing well. One of Mr C's little girls had a lip which she badly burnt against the door of the stove when heated. Saw & spoke with Prosper Armstrong. Reached home ere night - Mother & Sally both ill - for the latter visited Dr S's office to obtain a potion of physic - Staid awhile reading - Johnson here - Justin was employed at the business of clubbing manure.







**Removals** This day Dr N.Swift commenced removing his household goods to the dwelling of Mrs Pickett - where himself & family were going to take up a temporary residence - having previously rented the old homestead to Horace Edgerton. Dr H.Swift was likewise engaged in removing from Mrs P's to the house lately occupied by his father-in-law Capt M.Robinson who now resided in the elegant mansion of his late brother Capt Sam'l which he had elegantly fitted up for the purpose. Mrs McEowen left her stand where her grandfather Capt E.Dewey last lived to go on to her farm west of her father's. James Hubbell Esq who had resided with Mrs M. removed to Wid. gov. Robinson's house, formerly Judge Smith's and Mr Peters with his family entered the late Capt Dewey house. I might mention several other removals, but have not time. Capt Norton & Sons lately dissolved partnership - Capt N. takes his old farm and the still - Luman takes the pottery with the S. third of the Atwood farm - John takes the other two-thirds & continues in the pottery with his brother - farther I am not able state. Mr Ab. Brown dismissed his "Friday" Andrews and engaged J. J.Rogers. Rog. to work for him seven months at the rate of \$12. per month

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**April 1823** SATURDAY, APRIL 12 Fair and cold - froze hard in the m'g - Washing and liming wheat for seed - and ploughing was the employ 't. I went away P.M. with the horses which gave opportunity to Justin to try a hand with the bullocks - soon found that he could not manage - father, who considered himself sick had to assist - which he said wrought a cure. At the meeting-house landed Lydia & Damia to hear Mr Everett's concert and the Musical Lecture of Mr Peters which they said was good. **Musical Lecture.** At Fassett's sold 6 lbs hops at 1/0 pr lb on short credit. Saw my old friend Story Brown - told me he was a bachelor - spent a little time at D.Clark's looking Carey's Atlass - concluded to ride to Steb Walbridge's in quest of Childs - went till arrived N. of Capt Nichol's - met Ira Haynes who on an quiry informed me that he did not know where he was - so I wheeled about - got into the street just as the people were returning from the Singing Lecture - saw Lym Sherwood at Kellogg's - Visited Clark's & obtained the promise of \$7.50 within 14 days - Left a line at J.Hicks' to Freegorn Childs to hasten his coming here to make shoes for us - to have said letter conveyed on the morrow - Came home and enjoyed a social eve'g with the family who were getting bster in health. Johnson boarded here this week about 5-1/2 days. Left at H.Hall's office "The Exiles" of Siberia" - borrowed Feb'y 19

**Goldsmith's Greece.** SUNDAY, APRIL 13 Very fine and cool - wind N. - Finished reading Goldsmith's Greece - Mr Dunlap from Cambridge preached a long sermon. Sally took a puke.

**Spring-wheat.** MONDAY, APRIL 14 Fine in the extrme, except being cloudy a little near night. Spring wheat which on account of smut had been soaked in lime after forst being washed was sown at the rate of about 1-1/2 bhls to the acre, on corn-stalk land, which was prepared by first splitting the hills

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**April 1823** and then plowing fine - Justin & I were employed this day & Tuesday harrowing in the seed - a mistake - only till Tuesday noon. Attended an interesting lecture on Chemistry at the Court House by Mr Smith, ably I believe too. His electerizing machine refused to work on acc't of damp air. J.Rogers commenced his 7 months work at Brown's at the rate of \$11.00 pr month - a cow to be pastured in the bargain. Mother rode abroad. Mrs Crawford & Mrs Dewey visited here. Johnson here.







TUESDAY, APRIL 15 Chill S. wind - grew more mild tow'd noon. P.M. Justin commenced ploughing the Tracy field; we rigged fences & then went to a meeting of the Academy proprietors - Esq Henry, Moderator - H. Hall, Cl'k - heard some speeches - a committee was at last pretty unanimously app'd to divide the building between the District and Academy institutions - the committee and act of division to stand 1 year only - this business thro' - I came out - but was informed that some very unpleasant conversation passed between Mr Hicks Sen & William Haswell concerning some transactions touching the Academy. The said Committee consisted of Gen. D. & Capt M. Robinson & W. Henry Esquire - Bo't of F. Blackmer on credit 1 lb tea. Borrowed "Tristram Shandy" at Hall's - Charles Brown informed me he had undertaken our school for \$104 for the year ensuing - to begin on Monday the 21st of this month - to have at his own control 4 weeks of s'd time in the bargain.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16 Warm, dry, smoky - wind steady S. Johnson on the carpet - Justin followed his plow - we fixed fences by Dickinsons' and Capt N's - Parsons girl washed for us - Mother rode out - Mrs Duncan visited us - Johnson not here at night.

THURSDAY, APRIL 17 Very warm - some cloudy, smoky - wind S. fresh - Ploughing and sowing plaster made up our business. Dr Swift here this m'g - fairly stated business respecting the Academy. Mother rode out twice having Brown's mare in the waggon. Read Shandy at night. About 12 o'clock this night the Woolen Factory in Algiers burnt down - owned by the Saffords - loss estimated at \$8000. My father & I saw the flame. Johnson here again.

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FRIDAY, APRIL 18 Wind S. & showery A.M. - about mid-day w'd changed to N.W. Rain seemed to hasten vegetation. Business lay still while it was raining - read "Tristram Shandy" - Parsons being a part of the time present - P.M. visited Algiers - rec'd in full of Mr Gabey for cider and brandy del'd page 357 - \$1.50 - Sat & discoursed awhile with my old friend - Went and viewed the ruins of the factory. Ordered the miller to let Mrs Crawford have 1 bhl corn & 1/2 do rye - promised to pay the same soon. Visited Mr J. Harwood's - found him absent - could make no bargain ab't shoe-making - came back, meeting black Dan in the way and talking a mom't with him - to Spencer's in the old Fairchild house - and bargained with him to do our shoemaking - 3/0 a pr for common shoes - 62" for Morocco's - Johnson here.

SATURDAY, APRIL 19 Warm, fine growing season - Sowed plaster in meadow & so forth - Justin finished plowing the field S. of J. Rog's. Our ladies rec'd company - Mrs Bliss, Mrs Waters, Mrs Hills of Arlington and Miss M. Street, Miss E. & Miss L. Norton. In town saw Clark's fine new map of N. York - 1822 - price \$8. Bo't of him Marshall's Spelling Book. Judge Stephen Robinson & Col Merr'll were there. Called a short time at Judge Fay's by his great gate talking with him concerning "Tristram Shandy". Bo't of F. Blackmer 2 lbs sugar at 0/9. At Abraham Brown's paid to Charles Brown 55 cents for Justin Martindale and 14 cents for myself. Brown (A) related some things which I shall pass over in silence. Seth Hunt was said to be shivering in the wind - the furnace had nearly wound up his bobin.

SUNDAY, APRIL 20 Warm - wind S. - some rainy. As much time as I could spare devoted to reading 'Tristram Shandy'. Rec'd a very friendly visit from our old neighbor Horace Dimmick. Read the 1st No of The Bachelor - a very affecting story of gaming. At night visited L. Sher'd Jr - At the office - reading Tristram.







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Kent.

MONDAY, APRIL 21 A good deal showery; warm, grass growing weather. An attempt was made at sowing oats, but rain put an end to it. Potatoes in the garden, which were in good preservation were carried into the barn - See p.431 - Johnson here morning and noon.  
Kent mended cart-wheel &c.

D.Clark

Sterne

TUESDAY, APRIL 22 Cold morning - flying clds - a good day followed - grew warmer as the day advanced. Sowing oats was pursued by all hands - ~~Ev'g~~ Ev'g Justin accompanied me to town - sold to D.Clark on crdt 10 lbs butter - visited Fassett's - saw a showman, exhibiting a box of handsome representations of cities, battles &c - Did not stzy to view them - left there & came to Hall's and borrowed 2d Vol of Sterne's Works - then walked home. Mother & Catherine rode out together. Sally dined with us. Johnson here.

Oats

Grain

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23 Very stormy, damp S.wind prevailed A.M. - P.M. cold slow rain - not much done out of doors. Before noon the field (5 acres) S. of Jon's was finished off, being sown with oats. We could P.M. have poled stone wall between the W. & S.W. pastures - but the weather drove us home - here we nearly ascertained that we had on hand 30 bbls rye, 40 do corn, 5 do wheat and 20 of oats - Chimney burnt out - Ended reading the 1st Vol of Sterne - lively odd work. Johnson pres't as usual - Our little boy had a high night of it - they had weaned him.

THURSDAY, APRIL 24 Strong, cold, N.W. wind - Snow on the M'ts - snow flew in our faces, but this was only slight for, it was only at short intervals that it fell. A.M. rail fence, E. of the S.W. pasture repaired - P.M. father prepared flaxseed for sowing - Justin followed the plough & I got cart fixed at Col Norton's. Left at Bisbees a cheese weighing 24-1/2 lbs, to be paid for next week, \$2.04 - Talked a good while with D.Clark. At Dr Swift's bo't 1 lb Spanish brown - pd 4-1/2d - Bo't 1 ga Moll's - pd 46 cents - at F.Blackmer's - Rec'd in full of H.H.Fassett \$1. for 6 lbs hops. Johnson on the carpet. Parsons & Charles Brown paid their respects to us this eve'g.

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Oats  
sown.

Clover  
seed.

FRIDAY, APRIL 25 Fine at Sunrise - but soon overcast - chill S.wind prevailed and ere night became stormy on the mountains. Oats were sown on the E. side and the largest portion of the S. part of the Tracy-field - the ground being frozen hard this m'g - on that adc't most of the oats were plowed in with horses - I drove the oxen before the harrow, to smooth over after Justin. 17 bbls oats sown on 8 acres ground the present season. Mother & Cath. Rog's rode abroad - rec'd a quantity of maple sugar at uncle S.Robinson's. Read Tristram. A quantity of clover seed was sown on the field S. of J.Rog's. Sheep put to pasture.

Flax-seed

Cash of  
D.Clark

Music  
School.

SATURDAY, APRIL 26 Cloudy - wind S.W. - neither very warm nor cold. Flax-seed was sown A.M. on the N.side or quarter of the above named field - 3/4 acre in fine order, which compleated our spring sowing. P.M. father attended to other concerns & I went to town Viewed Map of N.York at Clark's - Examined his Atlass - spent some time there with Darius - Saw the old gent who informed me that on Thursday the 24 he paid ony note for me at Eber Crandall's in Hoosick, \$7. - I now put in his hands \$1.50 with which to take up s'd note on the 2nd of may - pd him a Y'k sixpence to compensate him for his trouble. Mr Dean with his drummers & fifers made a public display of his school's improvement in music - his scholars were assembled from Bennington, Shaftsbury







& Pownal - they did well I believe - Many spectators were present. Eight lbs butter was sold to D. Ruttenbur who paid in full for it \$1. Isaac Robinson gave me an invitation to his barn-drawing on Monday next. Saw H. Waters & Greenwood at Dexter's - the former lent me his curious ebony fife. Mr Bliss urged hard to have a favor in drawing stone for him. An essence pedlar - woman - of Albany, staid with us this night. Justin, being out of health, did not work for us. Johnson on the gr'd as usual. Mother & Catherine rode again - got Mrs Capt Safford's side-saddle.

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SUNDAY, APRIL 27 Raw, cloudy, dry & cold - wind N. Stuck to Tristram Shandy as well as time would allow. Read the parable of the Sower. Father heard Mr Sprague in the pulpit. Our essence lady kept Sabbath with us - left here next morning. Justin didn't go home. Mother backed young Jerry - rode nearly to Spencers'.

MONDAY, APRIL 28 Ground frozen hard this morning - cold w'd from N. prevailed all day - cloudy & dry. The business of carrying manure onto the field W. of the barn was commenced. P.M. I went with our bullocks to assist in drawing the old Judge Robinson barn to the present residence of J.T. Robinson. Except breaking chains the building was safely landed on the desired spot - Capt Oliver Abell had the command. There were more than 40 yoke of cattle on the carpet drawn from various quarters of the town. A part the building in question was taken from a military store-house built a few rods N. of the brick tavern during the Rev'y war. My off bullock from the shaggy and singular appearance of his head and thick neck - which they said made him resemble the buffalo excited much curiosity among the people who saw him. My chain being mended, having been broken twice, got the paper and came home. Mr Spencer commenced making shoes here this day. Johnson only supped with us. Paid to F. Blackmer \$1.

TUESDAY, APRIL 29 Frosty m'g - good weather for business followed, cloudy. Early in the morning bo't of Mr Chandler, the blacksmith a rough large dung-fork for \$1.78 to be paid in cheese. We drew out 32 or 33 l's manure - Horace Edgerton with cart & oxen assisted. Uncle Bliss made garden. Prosper Armstrong came to see us - took away an old umbrella belonging to his aunt - talked of music. Johnson here as usual - talked about chymistry &c.

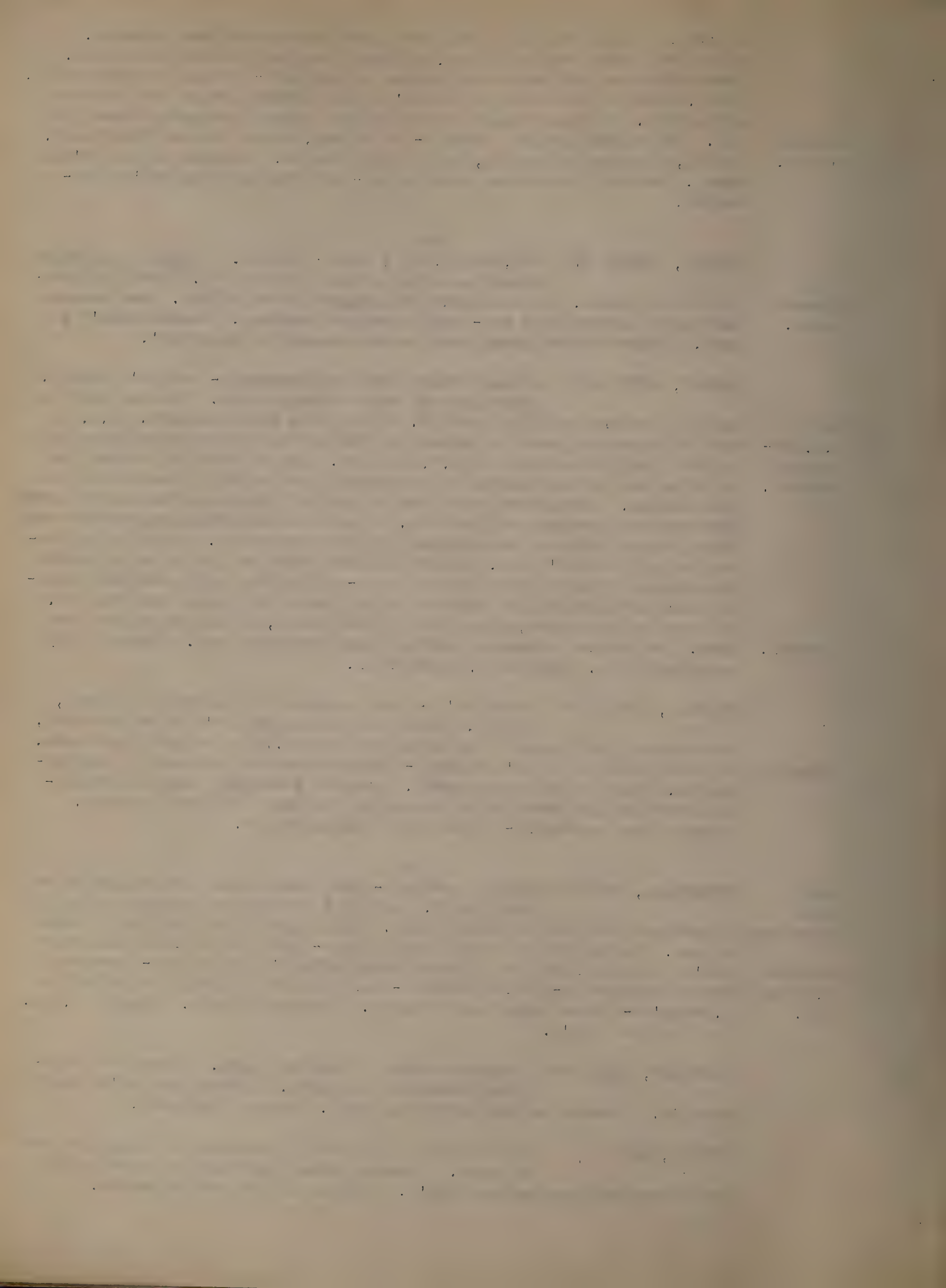
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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30 Frosty morning - app tree leaves just beginning to come forth. Justin & I with team & cart worked for Edgerton at the old Dr Swift place. His lady & hired girl well filled my eye. Father rode out with the ladies - got the caldron from uncle Sam's - 10 lbs 1 oz seal leather from Ballard's on credit - carried to Henry Robinson 29-1/4 lbs cheese - Left Mother to tarry over night at L. Dewey's - Bliss sowed garden seeds. Johnson with us. Brown & J. Rog. visited here eve'g.

THURSDAY, MAY 1st Thinnish clouds - fair at night. Closed the business commenced on Monday. Mother was bro't from Dewey's. Johnson on the carpet as usual. Grass flourished,

FRIDAY, MAY 2 Thin clouds - fluctuated from warm to cool abd cool to warm. Plowing ground for corn on which manure was spread made up our employm't. Johnson & I talked Chymistry.







Drawing.

SATURDAY, MAY 3 Cloudy & pretty cold - milder tow'd night. Nearly the same business continued. P.M. assisted in drawing an old corn house from the stand formerly owned by Mr Leonard Robinson up the Court House hill to the N.E. corner of a certain field belonging to J.T. Robinson W. of the road - where in future Mr Bisbee calculated to use it for a slaughter house - Had 11 or 12 yoke of cattle - there were among them present with their teams, Esquire Hubbell & his son E.D. - A. Brown - Mr Vail - L. Upham - & others. The building dragged tolerably easy for having rollers underneath. Rode home in my cart accompanied by neighbor S. Loomis who had been attending to public business as selectman - and young Pierce, L. Norton's hired man. Sold cheese to the following persons - 17 lbs to Chandler tow'd dung-fork - 11-1/2 do to D. Robinson Jun & 30-1/4 to Mr H. Edgerton, all at 0/6 - the two last to be cash at call. L. Sherwood accompanied Johnson down to supper. Mr Bliss came to see, but failed in the attempt, my father respecting his business.

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SUNDAY, MAY 4 Gloomy, chilly - misty rain in the morning, cold and hazy all day - wind N.W. Perused Tristram & slept alternately till 3 or 4 P.M. - then wrote a few lines in this book - Visited at Capt Norton's at night and did some business with friend John concerning a certain dairy implement - talked a good while with his father & him on various topics. J. had business with some Pownal men about brandy - his youngest child, aged 7 months - named Myron - was quite ill. Lydia N. was reading Voltaire's Charles 12th - had a little Atlas by her.

Snow

MONDAY, MAY 5 Cold frozen morning - snowed steadily for several hours - the ground was thinly covered - now was entirely carried off in low lands till past noon - P.M. it continued very blue with frequent gusts accompanied by short showers of snow - Extremely wintry at night. While it snowed we got up 3 Hogsh'ds out of the cellar, one of which I carried to Norton's still with a bbl of cider therein - saw the Capt himself, Mr Loomis & another man whom I did not know. On my way home talked with fr'd John a mom't. P.M. with great-coat & mittens on drove plow (oxen & horses, to finish plowing, planting ground - father was at helm - Justin sp'd manure &c. Mr Bliss invited us on his own acc't. Johnson & Brown both here - the former dined and supped with us.

Bliss.

TUESDAY, MAY 6 Freezing cold in the morning - warmer tow'd noon - Chill W. or N.W. wind - cloudy - some little rain.

Bliss.

With Justin & oxen worked for Mr Bliss removing stones from an old half wall to the S. side of his garden next Dr Swift's farm - it was from the E. side of the road where his fence now consists of boards & posts that we drew them. Edgerton was employed in erecting the new fence.

Cows.

Father prepared pastures for letting the cows into them - went to mill and agreed with Clark for a new castor hat at \$6. Lost by distemper 3 fine young pigs. Johnson & Brown here.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 7 Cloudy - much warmer than on the 6th - All hands & teams, Edgerton too 2/3rd the day at Bliss'. Sold 6 bbls potatoes at 25" to H. Hull - Gave to J.W. Spencer an order (verbal on Dr Swift's store for \$5.17 Visited the Hill

H. Hull.

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at D. Clark's - Saw hatter Clark - tried to get off about the hat, but no breaking up bargains there - Walked home accompanied part way by Spence Lydia swept the door-yard fine. Johnson here as usual. No time to read at n't - Mother & Damia rode out - one of the wag thills got broke







Wind THURSDAY, MAY 8 Very high strong wind - particularly P.M. - fences considerably blown down - it seemed to be from S.E.  
Cold. Cold, & rained some - cold - snow on the mountains. Early in the day Edgerton came down & did us a kindness. Ground was bushed over for planting by Justin & me - P.M. wood drawn to a good woman's door - sled housed &c. C. Brown left here this m'g. Johnson here as usual.

FRIDAY, MAY 9 Chilly, cloudy - some rainy from the E. The forenoon was mostly taken up in putting up fences blown down on the preceding day. P.M. all hands employed in removing old rail fence standing between the hither and dry brooks to a few rods W. & S.W. Mrs Parsons with her child and C. Rogers pd us a visit. Johnson here.

SATURDAY, MAY 10 Cold freezing morning - grew warm P.M. cloudy. The N.E. part of the N'h meadow was ploughed up by Justin & me - fence finished up by the rocks. Late P.M. visited town. - Bliss walked a part of the way accompanied by Mr Bliss - Heard the band in the court house - talked with Judge S. Robinson alone in Merrill & R's office - on religious affairs - we were neither of us firmly established. Mr Spencer gave in his bill which amt'd to 8 dollars for making 12 prs shoes, footing for boots for myself and some mending - I now had a new pr thin shoes (the first in 8 years) and pr thick do besides Mrs Crawford. coarse boots part worn - Settled acc'ts with Mrs Crawford who owed us \$1.82 Johnson sick this morning - dined & supped with us. Sam H. Brown arrived from Conn; this eve'g rode with J. Norton. Received the Porte Folio (1811) at Bliss'.

SUNDAY, MAY 11 Cold N.W. wind - thin clouds. Wrote as usual - read P't Folio - Fath'r, Lyd. & Damia went to meeting. Uncle Clark arrived from W. Rutland Vt.

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May 1823 MONDAY, MAY 12 Freezing morning - warm day - cloudy - wind N. Our ground was furrowed out by me & Justin before noon. P.M. planting was pursued by all hands assisted by Mr Bliss, T.C Brown & Parsons & Ab Brown - Uncle Cl'k dropped corn awhile and then paid a visit to Xapt N's people. I found my machine was useless on account of roughness of the surface. Mother visited at Waters' Johnson not here.

TUESDAY, MAY 13 Chill rainy day from SE. Not much going on - attended some to books - from my papers was enabled Dairy to compute the quantity and am't of butter and cheese sold within the last 12 months - of the former 555 lbs - \$88.57 - Cheese lbs 659 14" \$50.00 - Tot. am't butter & cheese \$138.57 - See p. 318 - of the former 158-1/2 lbs was made from the early part of Winter until the pres't time - of the latter had perhaps 70 weight yet to dispose of - what had been disposed of, mostly, went at 0/6 pr lb. Johnson came early in the m'g - got wet - at night lodged with us.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 14 Cloudy all day - some rainy & very chilly P.M. About 10 o'clock this morning finished planting corn assisted by Bliss & Parsons. On the 7th inst our cows were turned to pasture the first time the present season. In the garden we planted a parcel of lady-finger potatoes. P.M. father & Justin managed at home and I went to a drawing bee at Henry H. Robinson's - the place lately occupied by his uncle Elijah. The building drawn stood off N.E. of Henry's - had been used for a dwelling by uncle Jo Crawford - the old gent himself being present - the command was taken by Jabez Elwell.







Blackmer Went to Bisbee's & rec'd cash 50" - tow'd cheese - At Frank's store pd for what Mother had lately taken up - that is the remainder of \$3.68 -  
 Sherw'd Now due that store \$5.53 L. Sherwood Jun'r & his sister paid our ladies a visit. Returned this evening from town with G. House.

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May 1823 THURSDAY, MAY 15 Fine morning - warmish day, wind S.W. Busy plantin potatoes - We traded with a good sort of tin pedlar  
 Tin Pedlar. Lyman Sanderson. For lodging, horse-keeping and oats charged him 79" - which we rec'd in tin - and bo't on credit - 9 milk - & 1/2 doz square pans - to be paid in Sept - \$4.50 Uncle C'k visited about the neighborhood. Mr Bliss had our oxen to plow his garden. Mother & Damia visited the store & got mare shod at J. Norton's. Johnson hereabouts as usual - boarded 5 days this week.

FRIDAY, MAY 16 S. wind - warm - rainy at night. Father & Justin set bean-poles - planted beans - dug stone &c. I was unwell - rode to town with Mrs Rog's - had the litt mare shod and one of the side boards of the big waggon repaired at Norton's. Rec'd of C. Bisbee towards cheese 56 cents. In Dr Swift's store saw Lem Sherwood - D. Ruttenbur bargained for 10 lbs butt'r at 10 cents pr lb. Bo't of E. Montague at Capt Hyde's 1/2 bhl lime - charged 0/9 - Hyde was having his house over-hauled - handed over a note against Kent to Montague on which he was to endorse K's work lately performed at his house Blackmer. according to agreement Ap'l 1st. Borrowed of F. Blackmer \$2. in money. At Gov T's took in Cath. Rog's rode home - then mother rode with her to Algiers. Johnson and I talked respecting medicine.

SATURDAY, MAY 17 Cloudy - rained a hard shower about 2 P.M. Vegetation advanced most rapidly - leaves coming out very fast. After a very busy A.M. in preparation - started in the great wagg - took in uncle Clark & Mr Spencer & his lady - experienced a hard shower as we passed the farms in Esquire Noble's neighborhood - Reached the river road at the farm of Capt Angel - drove through 2 pairs of bar bars - forded the river - landed Spencer & family (for his 2 boys were with him) where his father-in-law met them to aid in getting them to his house

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May 1823 I returned to the road - proceeded to Whipple's tavern - uncle Clark, who had walked so far remounted - the sun shone out extremely warm - we drove very deliberately along talking on a variety of subjects - about dark arrived at Tho's Phillip's Junr's - found all in health particularly his aged father who lived next neighbor - had seen 75 years & could do a good day's work. Cousin Margaret was absent living in Williamst'n

SUNDAY, MAY 18 Flying clouds - extremely warm - app. trees in blow Visited a young dairy lady this m'g in the neighborhood, who had been highly recommended by Mr P's family and conditionally engaged her to make cheese for us during the present season at 7/0 Y'k per week. About nine in the morning we were under motion for Williamstown, having first taken friendly leave of our worthy friends. We took the road leading directly over the mountain to the colleges. On the height of the ridge we could see no matter how far N.W. - the Green Mountains bounded the prospect E. - a strong breeze prevailed there from the W. - the timber was very diminutive but this was not in our opinion owing to the great height of the country, but to fires which frequently break out on such mountains. As we approached the valley toward the E. found very good timber lots both for fuel & other purposes. Just before we reached the meeting house the people were returning







from the morning exercise - proceeded 2 miles south of the colleges & arrived at a Mr Williams' - here we found cousin M. in good health and apparent contentment working in the service of good people - Mr W. ~~ent~~ entertained us in very friendly style - took dinner with him & after that seeing their cheese-press to which I took a great liking - had the dimensions taken down by uncle Clark. Heard that Dr Foter was about to go to N.Y'k for his health. Facing about to the N. drove on to take in my Pown'l friends - arrived at the old ford when the sun was

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1823 about an hour high - left my horses near the river & went up a long hill to the house of Mr Peter Vosburg which was situated in a sightly spot - Mr S. & lady were absent at the neighborh'd - Mrs S's brother D. and younger sister were there and used me very politely - the former immediately set off after S. & his lady - I returned to my horses and found need of re-crossing the river with them in order to clear the meadow of cattle which had got in by my neglecting to put up bars - while thus employed fell in with a happy young couple not very long united in the silken bands - Mr J. Blackinton aged about 23, was the gent. The lady was a daughter of Capt Angell - a little younger than her husb'd - another young lady accompanied them in their walk. Having once more crossed to the opposite shore - rec'd my young passengers who took affectionate leave of their friends - took the road for home about sunset - travelled slowly on account of rough roads - the moon giving good light, and talking of this & that rendered it quite pleas't - reached home about 10 o'clock at night. Blossoms perhaps never came out faster.

Brown MONDAY, MAY 19 Flying clouds - some smoky - warm indeed. My father, Justin & myself worked for Mr Brown planting corn which was finished about 2 P.M. - then both flocks of sheep were washed in T.Br'k. Mr Duncan assisted while I went to Dr Swifts store for him - carried 11 lbs butter to D. Ruttenb'r - Johnson here all day.

Gleason & Daniels. TUESDAY, MAY 20 Warm indeed - some cldy - wind N. This m'g Jer. Eldred bro't 2 of his neighbors - Gleason & Daniels - here who wanted to buy pork - on examination found a bbl put up last fall damaged - it was not packed in the style usual to my father, but fr'd Dimmick laid it edgewise coiled round if I am right in the use of the word - it seems the salt never fairly struck through it - However to these gent. we sold 15-1/4 lbs apiece at 0/6 - it being sweet - amounting in the whole to \$2.58. Mother & I took it upon us to find buyers for the remainder - to make the story short - Aaron Norton

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1823 came down & bo't of father about 117 lbs at 7" pr lb. Waited upon mother from Frank's store where she assisted Dama in taking up goods to the am't of between \$11 & \$12, to the Furnace which we viewed thro' out - next visited Mrs Crawford - then came to J. Norton's got wag'n thill mended & came home. Justin visited town at night. Lydia was much engaged in cleaning about house - app. shelves were bro't from the cellar &c. Father sowed plast'r on the wheat ground. Johnson I think entertained us with music on the flute.

C. Harw'd J. Rogers Veal. WEDNESDAY, MAY 21 Flying clds - very warm indeed. A.M. sowed plaster chiefly - P.M. plowed a piece in J. Rog's orchd E. of his house and planted it with potatoes. Uncle Clark arrived from Williamstown. J. Rog. worked at home this day - in the morn'g assisted by Justin butchered a veal calf - Johnson was with us as usual.







THURSDAY, MAY 22 Flying clds - short showers P.M. - fine - wind NW  
 Cheese-press The wonderful cheese-press was begun - uncle C.  
 Kent foreman - Kent 2d work'n - Carried Dama to Algiers to see about her  
 Ballard bonnet at Tuccomans' N. of Capt Hills - Sold to Ballard a green calf  
 skin weighing 7 lbs 2 oz credited at 12-1/2" - Bo't tanned calf skin of  
 him to the am't of 13/6 on credit. Uncle Clark met me at A.Norton's ~~pn~~  
 and there gave directions how to make the cheese press irons - had a  
 spring bolt to the waggon nutted. Took Dama in at Godfrey's - visited  
 Blackmer as we came home Dr Swifts & F.Blackmer's stores - took up at the for-  
 mer the am't of \$2.27 - at the latter 16" - If I am correct at the for-  
 mer place our whole bill on credit was \$8.15 - at the latter \$28.88 -  
 of which 24 was for our own personal use - Am't at both stores being  
 \$37.03 - nearly the whole having accrued since the first of this month.  
 Johnson bro't his mare here to keep.

FRIDAY, MAY 23 Flying clds - high wind from N.W. cold - N.W.cold -  
 Cheese-press. Cheese-press going forward - present hon'l C.Harw'd  
 & R.Kent - Carried Mother to E.Waters' - rode to Algiers - got cucumb'r  
 & squash seeds at Godfrey's - called to see how our irons progressed -  
 not finished - promised them at night

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May or next morning - visited them at night but without success. Returned  
 1823 from Algiers before noon - called at Frank's by the way & buying 2 lbs  
 tobacco. P.M. mended fence around or bordering the old sheep pasture  
 Dimmick along with Justin, more fence was repaired - Dimmick commenced shearing  
 sheep. Dr Swift visited Hopkins this morning and prescribed a medicine  
 chiefly composed of rheubarb for his relief.

SATURDAY, MAY 24 Looked likely for rain - flying clds - dry wind fro  
 N. The cheese press not quite finished - the car-  
 Kent penter work most compleated - Mr Kent worked through the day bottoming  
 a bbl and making a well-bucket out of old bbl staves. Father cut a  
 Martin- well-pole & performed other jobs. Justin's kine-pox affecting him con-  
 dade, siderably he rode with me to town - traded on our acc't at F.Blackmer's  
 \$1.65 I went to Esq'r Hubbell's & got 2 bbls corn for Mr Kent - the  
 Esq'r was busy with his son planting over a piece of ground near his  
 house where the hens had pulled up his corn - carried grist to mill -  
 found the Algerines working on the road - Uncle Cl'k visited at Deweys'  
 Tuccoman - I went to Tuccoman's and got Dama's bonnet - price \$3. - Waited a  
 good while for my iron at A.Norton's - dined at his father's where they  
 mended the old brass kettle - At length my irons being finished price  
 \$2.75, came to Dewey's took on board my uncle, & K's grist - drove to  
 Dimmick Frank's - bo't some pearl-ash & wood screws and came home. Friend Dim-  
 mick finished shearing 23 sheep - performed a fine surgical operation  
 on our buffaloe ox - went to town - had something to take - settled all  
 off with Cap't M. Robinson in peace - returned here - talked very plaus-  
 Martin'le ibly & friendly and then - being tow'd night - went home. Justin lost  
 his day. Johnson's mare having plagued him considerably in getting out  
 Johnson of pasture took her away with him - he had been with us this week 6 day

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SUNDAY, MAY 25 Warm A.M. - rained some P.M. - hazy & cloudy - cold  
 May towards evening. Mother & Sally rode ab'd with  
 1823 Hopkins. Wrote, slept & read. Uncle Cl'k visited at cousin Stephen's  
 On Saturday wrote Miss Barber of Petersburg that I calculated to bring  
 her here on or about the 7th or 8th of June - desired her to write a  
 reply.

MONDAY, MAY 26 Cold hazy day - wind N.W. Cheese-press finished -  
 stone boat & house ladder built - project of the







Martin- new well-crotch dropt. Justin had his kine-pox - only did chores. We  
dale. flew from this to that &c. The women rode out. Johnson here all day.  
S.Loomis came to warn us to work on the highway on Thursday next.

TUESDAY, MAY 27 Cold morning indeed - some frost - chill wind N. -  
a kind of sm'ky cld'y day. Drove oxen & wagg. to  
Colvin Colvin's hoping to find a load of boards, but had none ready - he was ~~pl~~  
planting corn assisted by W.Burt & a man of color. Had bucket ironed  
at uncle J Norton's, or I would say the old irons rivetted on. P.M. as-  
J.Martin- sisted at various affairs at home - Johnson went a-warning men - Justin  
dale. rode to Pownal - My venerable u cle visited at S. Robinson's - Sold &  
Spencer. carried to Spencer's 8 bhl potatoes at 25" - Mr Bliss worked for him -  
Edgerton & his boy happened that way mending fence on the road-side.  
S.H.Brown S. Brown dismissed his ditcher.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 28 Cloudy - fresh S.wind - particularly P.M. We colle-  
ected butternut & poplar timber from the woods for  
Shanty building a shanty - but used none of it - for P.M. being assisted by  
D.Case uncle C. we erected one from other materials. Dan Case white-washed  
here. Justin did chores - could not work - got half bhl unslacked lime  
from Waters' - Mother visited at Duncan's - Johnson on the ground as  
usual.

THURSDAY, MAY 29 A goodly warm rain happened at this time - cloudy &  
Edgerton. but little rain P.M. Went to Edgerton's & got 8  
feet of wide pine board for setting cheeses into the press upon.

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May Bo't of Abraham Brown 107-1/2 feet common pine boards pretty sound -  
1823 valued at the mill at \$8 pr thous'd. Kent made cheese bds &c gratis -  
A.Brown told him I'd go to mill for him enough to come to it. P.M. Mr Ripley  
lumber. came to bottoming chairs - his son Isaac assisted him in getting over  
N.Ripley here with his apparatus. Uncle C. assisted in affairs which touched  
D.Case. his calling. D.Case ended the white-washing job - Oats were doing poor-  
ly indeed - Johnson drank carb'n &c. with us.

FRIDAY, MAY 30 Cloudy, some rainy, rough & cold wd N. Worked on the  
Highway road - no other person assisted us except Bliss &  
Justin mended road from litt. bridge this side Brown's to Bluehill &  
finally to the top of the long hill beyond it. Uncle Cl'k almost com-  
pleted the shanty. Cousin Sam bro't his mother here on a visit. Many  
lawyers passed & repassed us to & from Pownal. Jeremiah Eldred with a  
young man & 2 young ladies - daughters of Mr Pope were among the many  
travellers that occupied the highway this day - Saw & conversed very  
J.Angel freely & cordially with my old friend James Angel, with whom I became  
acquainted in the fall of 1812 - had been living near the City of Troy  
and was soon to return there - made it his business to carry farming  
and selling milk - himself & partner kept 22 cows - seemed to be doing  
well. Friend H. Dimmick went by in fine spirits - Had worked for his  
uncle Elias & taken up a small note.

SATURDAY, MAY 31 This morning was a considerable frost - wind blew  
Highway. dry & cold all day from N.W. Finished our highway  
work by noon \$7.00 tax - Mr Bliss assisted - dined & went home - Mr Ken  
N.Ripley worked on his own acc't - P.M. Justin was sent home with uncle N.Ripley  
whose bill for chair-bottoming amt'd to \$2.10 Paid the whole in cider  
& rye - \$1.50 for the former including transportation - 60" worth of th  
the latter. The ground & other affairs about the new building were put  
in some order - Rode to town with J.Rog. &







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J. Martindale - rec'd of F. Clark a new hat for my father which after I came home proved to be too small for him - agreed with him to wait two or three weeks for his pay - Mr D. Clark said I should have the cash by that time. Bo't of Dr Swift 1 pr of butts & screws - 20" - borrowed of F. Black'r him for the Connecticut Expedition \$5. - at Frank's bo't a small handkerchief - 21" - borrowed \$5. more - the store very full - drumming & fifing going on at a great rate near by. Hicks had his third story raised on the old Dewey house - said mansion was built in 1783 - Johnson boarded 6 days the present week.

SUNDAY, JUNE 1st

Clark  
Harwood.

Yellow smoky day - wind N. Father, Mother & Lydia, likewise uncle Clark heard the preaching of Mr Peters. Tow'd eve'g took a walk with father, uncle Clark & Adeline to the S. part of the farm - several particular spots were noticed by these elderly men - Had Tristram Shandy with me.

MONDAY, JUNE 2d

S H Brown  
Cheese-  
press.  
A. Norton.  
Conn't  
journey  
A. Henry.  
Bisbee.

Yellow, but warmer - quite a summer day. Went ~~to~~ to mill at Safford's - bo't of G. Olin Jr a stick of timber, hard wood, at 1/0, pd 14". Ret'd to F. Blackmer the \$5 bill which I borrowed of him on Saturday - Borrowed of S. H. Brown \$10 - payable in 3 weeks. At A. Norton's had new holes punched in the hooks of the cheese press and an ear of a small brass kettle mended - came home with the last grist of spring-wheat on hand. P.M. father & Damia started for Conn't - Before they went away the floor of the shanty was laid - uncle C. assisted. Justin & I among other affairs drew Parsons a load of wood. Alonzo Henry commenced boarding here - Friend J. here 2/3 ds the day. J. Rog's & Mr Brown visited Mr Dewey's saw-mill in Woodford & got no boards - returned empty. Sold Bisbee a calf for \$2.25

TUESDAY, JUNE 3

Training.

Yellow & quite warm - Trained hard - Companies got together under Col Robinson & Col Blackmer - shem fight - some

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powder burnt. Custis Dixon, brother of Barnet D. trained several hours by my side. Col B. said if my tax for poll for last year was called for he'd pay it - The joiners were shingling Hicks' house.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4

Hoeing.

C. Harw'd

A litt. yellow & warm. Hoed corn assisted by Mess' Bliss, Parsons & Spencer. Uncle Clark in a very friendly manner took leave of us to return to Rutland W. Parish - previous to that he renewed an acquittance which he gave Oct. 1816 - gave him \$2 in money at this time, wanted to give him more but circumstances were too hard for us. Our hoeing was pretty tough.

THURSDAY, JUNE 5

Very warm till evening - Past noon a small shower attended with thunder occurred between 1 & 2. Finished first hoeing after the shower was over - had only 1 row apiece. Parsons & Edgerton's boy came at the usual hour, but Brown & J. Rog. arrived late in the morning - Remainder of the day worked in the garden - In the eve'g borrowed Capt Norton's waggon to go to Petersburg

FRIDAY, JUNE 6

Frost this morning - flying clds - cold A.M. - more mild P.M. Assisted by the girls selected such lambs as we thought most suitable to save from the butcher's knife - Poled hops - mended fences &c - At night visited town.







Expedi-  
tion to  
Peters-  
burgh.

SATURDAY, JUNE 7 Some cldy - wd S - warm till eve'g & then grew cold  
A.M. mended fences - bro't away geese from Br's -  
about 1 P.M. pushed off in Capt N's waggon for Petersburg by way of  
Wms'town where a fruitless enquiry was made for a cheese tub which I  
wanted to buy. Crossed the Petersburg mountain and arrived at Mr Phil-  
lips' about sun-set and was kindly entertained.

SUNDAY, JUNE 8 Foggy & rainy in the morning - became clear with  
flying clouds afterwards - wind stiff from N. -  
very cold all day.

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Visited Mr Barber's this morning - the old gentleman was not in health  
but as good as usual - his lady & daughter made no complaint - with the  
latter rode to Berlin - 5 miles below Worthington's - We met many fine  
faces in fine dresses riding to church - about mid-day reached the home  
of Mr Griswold her brother-in-law. The man had gone to hear Elder Hull  
at Petersburg - his partner shewed me a family of 5 smart boys of whom  
the eldest was about years old & the youngest aged but a few weeks.  
Mr G. being a carpenter & joiner was engaged in building meeting house  
at this place. Visited the Washington Hotel, found a pretty jovial crew  
young & old - some good anecdotes were told - one man had been acquaint-  
ed with old David Mathews, another with Mr Jo Niles of Shaftsbury. We  
returned from Berlin about the time the people were returning from bap-  
tizing a few new converts - halted at Worthington's - sauntered about  
there while my lady was running among the ladies neighbors - Had the  
curiosity to cross over to Seth Worthington's whose lady appeared to be  
in a very lively mood - Luther Jones, a young man, was present, and while  
she was very earnestly pressing him to sup with them, had the misfortune  
to over-set her plate, landing the contents in her lap and on the floor  
and breaking the plate in the bargain - She turned it all off in good  
honor - carried on the joke to high degree without being vicious. By  
sun-set arrived again in Phillips' hollow - Mr Frezer, a shoe-maker of  
the neighborhood whom I saw there in 1815 - paid his respects to us -  
could talk very easy.

MONDAY, JUNE 9 Cold & frosty morning - cool & fair day, wd N. Con-  
versed with old Mr Phillips concerning his first se-  
tling in this country from Rhode Island 1778 - everything was done  
by the hardest - but a handsome property had been accumulated since ~~the~~  
that period. After receiving every friendly attention from young Mr P.  
& family with Miss P. Barber

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departed for Bennington - leaving the people of Mr P's District of whic  
he was surveyor working on the road. Had some trouble at the bridge in  
the village - old Mr Waite being on the N. end loading boards for the  
saw-mill the end of which butts against it so that there was no passing  
- however this was soon got along with - Called a short time at Worth-  
ington's - saw a poor diseased wretch there whom I understood belonged  
among the town's poor - had been ill ever since 1812. Col. W. was ab-  
sent at or near Albany building a mill, having all his hands with him -  
Mrs W. said they hadn't a boy to pick their teeth with. The Col's  
stand appeared to be every way calculated on a grand plan in good style  
- We remounted our wagg & after a pleas't ride arrived here i/2 past 1  
P.M. - sent home the wag & spent the remainder of the day digging stone  
with Justin.







Parsons hoeing. TUESDAY, JUNE 10 Cold frosty morning, good day for business. We assisted Parsons in manuring, plowing & planting his-garden with potatoes - Justin, myself, cart & oxen - finished plowing ab' 2 o'clock - Johnson assisted me in hanging a great door to the cheese-press house.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11 No frost, cool morning - good day - flying clouds - Justin & I dug stone & rolled off rocks.

Bisbee THURSDAY, JUNE 12 South wind, mild & warm - Worked in the garden and dug stone - Sold to Bisbee 4 lambs at \$1.25 - received in cash of him toward debt \$2.00. Took in Jon Rog's heifer from J. Rogers Brown's to pasture. Weighed 23 fleeces of wool & found it amounted to heifer. 71-3/4 lbs. Bo't of J. Ballard 4 lbs 10 oz leather at 28" pr lb - say Ballard. \$1.30 due for it. Great noise about small pox at Hoosick. Small-pox

Brown FRIDAY, JUNE 13 Fine - thund'd & rained a litt in the night. Justin & I hoed corn for Ab'm Brown. J. Rog's rode to Hoosick for Parsons - who took his place at work for B. Johnson, S Brown, E

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June 1823 Ed Swift, L. Sherwood & others went a fishing in Woodford. No great succes

Brown SATURDAY, JUNE 14 Thundered & rained slightly in the mg - good weath-er followed - tolerably warm. Late in the morning went to work for Brown - left off early at night for J. Rog. & Justin t Veal to butcher a calf for us - sold 18-1/2 veal to Col Norton & Sons - at Ballard 3 cents the cash price in blacksmithing - carried the skin to Ballard' Mrs Par- to be tanned on acc't - Gave an order to Mrs Parsons on F. Blackmer's sons store to the am't of \$1. it being to pay her for work which she had order. done for J. Martindale Jr to whom I charged the same.

White Creek SUNDAY, JUNE 15 Cold morning - temperate all day - cloudy towards eve'g - Rode with J. Rog's to White Creek - At Wilk inson's they talked much of a new lead - lately discovered. Had good visit at W. Haff's - it would have been still better had he been at hem home - but he was gone to the river with Mr Wilkinson his landlord in Sayles' whose business he jad a profitable employment. Visited Sayles' dairy of thirty two cows - he had great cheeses which would weigh perhaps 80 lbs. At Wybil's saw his hands employed at currying and shoemaking - E Elijah Brown Jr Brown Jun was there - sent a broom & comb to his family.

N. Dexter A. Brown MONDAY, JUNE 16 Tolerably warm & cloudy - wind S. - thundered heavy in the N - Paid Mrs Tuccerman for Damia \$3 Until nearly noon was employed in carrying veal to our blacksmith's and engaged Stephen Harwood to make me stave cheese hoop 17 inches over, Old Mr Hurd came there to get a small hoop for cheese. With N. Dexter in my father's name made a final settlement of old accounts and learned that our meeting house tax amt'd to \$1.40 - P.M. hoed corn for fr'd Brown - Justin worked there all day.

Brown. Scott. TUESDAY, JUNE 17 Very warm indeed - thund'd in the N. - great want of rain. We hoed corn for Brown - Parsons with us - had fun with S. Scott.







June 1823 WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18 Most extremely warm - cloudy - thund'r no rain here. J.Rog. & J.Martindale butchered veal - lent Veal. hind-quarter to Capt N. and sold the other to uncle Jo Norton - each weighing 20 lbs - sold 18 lbs to Col N.& Co. & 17 do to Aaron Norton - Ballard. carried the skin to Ballard's - had it marked B.H. - Justin after assisting at the above business assisted Brown to finish his first hoeing - S.Harw'd ing - Got my new 17 inch hoop made at cousin Stephen's & paid in cash Sim 75" - S.Safford came there & talked about working on the road. Thayer. Thayer Jr had rec'd a bad fall from his new mill dam in Woodford which bruised him pretty cruelly. Came home past noon - a potato patch was Hinsdill hoed out - Justin was sent to N.Hinsdell's Factory with veal wool to be carded. Kent fixed cheese press a little of which he was to make no account.

THURSDAY, JUNE 19 Fair & very warm - signs of rain. A.M. stove shanty built. P.M. we went to the raising of Luman N' L.Norton raising. barn - 46 feet in length, very heavy timber. One young man got hurt in S.H.Brown his right or left wrist. S.H.Brown & J.Rog. started this eve'g for Troy. P.Barber rec'd a pr of new shoes made by Spencer.

FRIDAY, JUNE 20 Cool, much more so than of late - very dry - rain Witherell. greatly wished for. Hoed corn in our own field. Sold Mr Witherell 2 galls cider brandy for 10 lbs good sugar.

SATURDAY, JUNE 21 Cloudy - wind S.app'd likely for rain - some was Connecticut. showered to us in very limited quantity late P.M. Made it our business to hoe in garden as well as field. Father & Dama arrived from Connecticut - left all well there.

SUNDAY, JUNE 22 Fair & very cool - wd N. Slept & read alternately S.Harwood Went to S.Harwood's on an errand - had many strang tho'ts cross my brain in traversing the lots.

June 1823 MONDAY, JUNE 23 Cold morning - warm P.M. - cldy & likely for rain. A piece of sward ground plowed May 10 was this day Potatoes planted with potatoes - finished it some past noon - P.M. hoed corn - planted. Mr Brown was with us A.M. - P.M. he was succeeded by friend Sam H. - Brown & J.Rog's all day - Sold Abraham Brown on short credit 3 bbls rye at 3/6 J.Rog's. per bbl - This morning rode off on business - at Dr Swift's paid \$5. Rye to borrowed money - Left forequarter of veal, 14 lbs at Col Nort. & Co's - Brown. 16 lbs do at uncle Jo's & 18-3/4 hind quarter at A.Norton's. Sold to Dr Swift Mrs Persis Safford to pay for side-saddle 16-1/4 lbs cheese, making in cash. all she had rec'd 22-1/4 lbs at 0/6. At S.Harwood's rec'd a new hoop Harwood 15-1/4 inches in diameter on acc't. Saw old Aunt Hanna who app'd to be in a consumptive way. At night J.Rog's & I went to Loomis' to buy Loomis. pigs - he bo't 1 for \$1.50 & L three at a dollar a piece payable in Dunvan. corn at 50 cents. Mrs Duncan & son Henry who had a broken arm paid our ladies a visit. Mother was taken ill & visited by Dr Swift who gave her relief.

J.Rogers TUESDAY, JUNE 24 Temperate - flying clds - no rain - Hoed corn and for Brown. potatoes - J.Rog. assisted for Mr Brown - Father Big ill part of the day. Patience made a big three curded cheese pressed cheese. in the 17" hoop - Johnson danced hard this evening.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25 Dry hot & dusty - This was the day fixed on by Dr Expedition to Troy Swift for going to Troy - Between 6 & 7 in the morning I was at his house waiting his arrival from Hoosick - they said he had previously waited for me and got out of patience - staid







about there a good while - rec'd \$1 in money of D.Clark - N.Dexter came & informed me that it was expected I would convey the meeting house bell to Troy - so drove down and had it hoisted on board - concluded it was too late in the day to proceed further in my intended Troy business

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and therefore came home, but had not fairly entered the field to go to work when Ed. Swift rode up requesting me to go with his father to the river - business being urgent. I complied - dined at the Dr's Polly Thayer being present - left town about 12 o'clock - only made a short call at Wadsworth's - Dr S. very sociable - treated me well with good beer. Arrived in Troy about sundown. Dr Lyman refused having the bell hoisted out with his tackle-block - went round back-side of one of his neighbors stores where the business was effected by the power of a big wheel. The Dr lodged at Titus' & I at Sampsons' lower end River St. A French Canadian was hostler - Eve'g walked much about the city - heard a young lady perform on the Piano - a Singing Meeting was held at the Congregational Church - judged their performance to be good - visited Chrane's grocery - but heard no fiddling - past ten returned to my lodgings.

THURSDAY, JUNE 26 Extremely hot & dusty - the country began to suffer for rain very sensibly. Saw two Sloops sail out for N.York this morning. Bo't of McEwen a bbl of flour & paid in full for it \$7.50 - bo't of Jac Merritt 4 bhls coarse salt, pd \$2.50 & Dr Swift bo't among other things 2 bags fine salt at less than \$6. 2 quintals scale fish &c. I should judge, deducting a bushel of fine salt which I agreed to buy of him at home, that his loading might amount to about six hundred. Rec'd of Dr Swift this morning in money \$15 - at Smith's on the way home handed back to him \$6, which left due for borrowed money \$9. Bo't a Scotch grey rub-stone for E.Waters which cost 37-1/2" and a piece for myself which made the whole am't to 53" - they sold by the pound at 18 pence Y'k - My horses complained much of heat. Arrived in town after dark. At our house there was a little dance this evening.

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FRIDAY, JUNE 27 Wind E. - cloudy - expected rain from that quarter, but it ended in disapp't - very descended here.

A tin-pedlar left here this morning - traded only to the am't of his fare. Commenced walling E. side of the lane at the dry brook steering Walling. N. - At night carried wool to Hinsdill's Factory and bro't thence rolls Hinsdill. - said his carding would be 7" for oiling - 5 if otherwise - would receive most kinds of produce for pay.

SATURDAY, JUNE 28 Cool - great signs, with but litt. rain. Continued walling - all felt anxious for rain.

Bliss &  
Clark.

SUNDAY, JUNE 29 Cool dry N.wind - quite too cold for comfort. Messr Bliss & Clark paid a visit while I was writing

Journ'l. Justin innocently raised a family disturbance this morning, Geese. dogging a few geese & goslings out of the meadow - but recovered his former good standing by conducting mother to Pownal in the litt. waggon. Kine-pox Father went to meeting solitry from his house. I had kine pox stoutly & read Tristram Shandy.

MONDAY, JUNE 30 Fair & very dry - Partly sick with kine-pox - most of the younger part of the family had it - Walling continued - In town this eve'g rec'd of D.Clark \$4 - paid Hatter Clark







D.Clark. in full for my father's castor hat \$3.94 - \$2.06 having already been paid in cheese. Borrowed at Dr Swift's \$5 which enable me to pay up  
 S.H.Brown S.H.Brown \$10 which we had borrowed of him 4 weeks since - Rode home in L.Jewett's big wagg - W.Smith & Sim Harwood being also passengers.  
 Dimmick H.Dimmick came & worked with us 2 or 3 hours A.M. - telling many fine  
 Smedley things of himself and others. Harvey Smedley, wife, child, sister Mary & cousin Mary lodged here this night. Mother lost her work pocket off  
 Work- the horn of the saddle - contained a part of her new gown - but she got  
 pocket. again next day - bro't over by cousin Stephen's children.

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July TUESDAY, JULY 1st Very dry, warm & fair. Spent a little time with the  
 1823 Wms'town cousins who departed between 8 & 9 in the morning - attended afterwards to Walling. Kine-pox still hung round me  
 Kine-pox & others of the family. Alonzo Henry our young boarder settled for his  
 A.Henry board which amt'd to \$3.17 - which I directed him to pay at Dr S's store, which he agreed to do. Three lbs hops sold to Capt M.Robinson for 50".

WEDNESDAY, JULY 2d Some cloudy & smoky - all signs of rain failed - tolerably warm & very dry. Contin'd our wall -  
 Parsons. some people had begun to mow. Mrs Parsons took a ride to town but finding her horse to be of bad fame she returned home on foot.

THURSDAY, JULY 3rd Hot & very dry - wd N. Worked as above. Mr Kent paid his respects to us. Mrs Godfrey visited C.Rog  
 Mrs Godfrey

FRIDAY, JULY 4 Cool in the mg - a hot day followed. Dry & a litt. smoky. We rec'd assistance from Brown pr J.Rog and  
 Rogers team - drew in some excellent foundation stones - they worked only the  
 for A.M. By night the wall stretching from brook to brook ending at the  
 Brown. bridge, 3 ft at bott. & 4 feet in height, was compleated. See June 27  
 We remembered the great day but could not consistently be with our friends in town, who it must be understood had no regular celebration - only gave a few heavy guns. Mr Bliss, Alv. Randall and Greenwood came past with a large wood-chuck which they killed in the S.E. part of our Sug. place. Mrs Brown made her great cheese in our 17 inch hoop. That which we had made was weighed on the 4th inst & pulled down 57 lbs.

SATURDAY, JULY 5 Extremely hot, especially about mid-day - warm mg. Father & Mother visited B. Hills & family, Arlington  
 Arlington visit. ton. J.Rog. & J.Martindale butchered veal - sold to Chandler & Son  
 Veal. 15-1/2 lbs - to uncle Jo Norton & Son 17-1/2 & to A.Norton 17 lbs - the 2nd was hind-quarter -

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July carried to Ballard's a dry & green veal skin - got a part of Kent's  
 1823 grist - a brawling idle Scotch boy rode some in my waggon & in others -  
 Scotch- conveyed Mr Ripley on his way from Algiers to town. At Dr S's store on  
 boy. credit bo't 2 lbs tea at 4/0 - Came home past noon - it was most ex-  
 Dr Swift tremely hot - sat in the shanty an hour or two talking with the ladies & Justin & then prepared the barn for haying.

SUNDAY, JULY 6 Rained a fine shower this morning - good weather followed. Wrote, slept, read Tristram Shandy, salted cattle &c. Father & Mother arrived from Arlington - all going well there.







MONDAY, JULY 7 Cloudy - rained an hour or so tow'd noon - warm.  
We hoed corn - J.Rog. assisted for Brown, had also  
C.Bisbee the Searls boy. Bisbee bo't of us 4 lambs at 7/0 a h'd - wanted 2 more  
very badly - but I would not sell though he offered \$1.50 a h'd to have  
his pick.

TUESDAY, JULY 8 Flying clouds - very warm with now & then a cooling  
puff from the N. Finished off hoeing throughout -  
Brown had Browns boy half a day. J.Rog's had a scrape here this morning with  
B's bull & his mate - he and kent to plowing afterwards for B. Mother  
Johnson & Johnson got spruce from the E. p't of the town - they had a brewing  
frolic in the evening. The girls picked geese.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 9 Very warm & dry. Justin was set to mowing patches  
in the litt. meadow & ab't the barn. Father & Moth  
er rode to Hinsdill's and bro't rolls - paid a visit at uncle Sams' -  
Lists Carried List for 1823 to L. Norton one of the Listers - It consisted if  
I mistake not of the following items ;viz - 1 yoke of oxen - 14 cows -  
3 two yr olds - 2 working horses - 1 3 yr old & i 2 yrs colt. Visited  
L.Norton Capt N. & Z.Pierce. Luman was by his wheel in his new situation N. of  
Mackey's - the whole establishm't was now removed & ~~running~~ removing  
to s'd spot.

July THURSDAY, JULY 10 Extremely warm indeed - Haying - got 1-1/2 tons hay  
1823 Lydia Norton bro't up her glassichord this eve'g.  
L.Waters Several people from the Street came to our rocks raspberrying.  
Raspberrying.

FRIDAY, JULY 11 Warm in the extrme - had a fine shower from N.W.  
P.M. Some hay got wet. Transplanted beets.

SATURDAY, JULY 12 Pretty warm morning - more cool P.M. Haying con-  
tinued. Dama with P.Barber went to Petersburg.  
P.Barber Visited Algiers at night - engaged a boy of A.Norton to work for us  
L.Norton next week - named Luman. Felt in drooping spirits. The bell, newly  
New Bell cast, was hung & rung in the belfry on the 9" inst. Received on Monday,  
Bisbee July 7" of C.Bisbee on the old score \$4. in money. The same was paid  
Cash pd to Dr Swift on the 9th inst pr father.  
Dr Swift

SUNDAY, JULY 13 Quite cool & comfortable as to heat - flying clouds  
wind N. Felt extremely dull till P.M. Sally busie  
busied herself in the cheese-press shanty 2 or three hours - S.H.Brown  
visited us - father attended public worship - Gridley of Wms'town  
preached - election was his subject A.M. I finished reading Vol 3d  
Tristram Tristram Shandy - curious, strange, mysterious, droll, odd, bawdy author -  
Shandy. so much will I say of him.

MONDAY, JULY 14 Rather cool - hazy & cloudy - great signs of rain.  
Considerable mowing & raking done in the litt. mead-  
L.Norton ow. Our boy, L.Norton, came to work for us late in the morning - bro't  
with him a new fork made at his fathers' shop. Strongly expect'd our  
L.Sher'd Petersburg ladies, but they app'd not. L.Sherwood Jr with S.H.Brown  
S.H.Brown visited us this eve'g.

TUESDAY, JULY 15 A noble rain began to fall about 7 or 8 this morn'g  
Continued more or less thro' the day. Rakes were  
J.Rog's mended - scythes ground &c. J.Rog's with B's oxen helped us get in  
2 loads hay in the m'g. Sally got in the 4th gr't cheese to press.







July 1823 Englishman. P.Barber WEDNESDAY, JULY 16 Flying clds - wind N. - no good hay weather - there were Showers in Shaftsbury. Mowing was prosecuted moderately. An Englishman, 23 yrs of age, native of Southampton - Eng made application for hire - he mowed a few rods - understood the business, but we could not quite persuade ourselves to accept the offer. Dama arrived from Petersburg alone - Miss Barber having lost a sister staid to take care of her family a few days - would return on the 27th.

THURSDAY, JULY 17 Fine day - drew in a good quantity of hay.

FRIDAY, JULY 18 Rained in the morning - flying clds - rainy at night with thunder. J.Rog. & J.Martindale butchered veal - it was a part of my employm't - E.Waters, Mr Chandler, J.Norton & Son & A.Norton had each a quarter. Stopped to see the bell as they were hoisting the frame in which it hangs a few inches higher for the benefit of giving a heavier sound - went to mill for Parsons - had chain rivetted at uncle J.Norton's - rec'd mended pitchfork - Bo't on credit at F.Blackmer's 2 galls molasses at 37-1/2" and came home - P.M. assisted at hoeing potatoes planted June 23 - Justin's chief business mowing - Mr Joel Clark arrived with his lady from Shelburne, Ms - calculating to carry home Wid. H.Harwood on his return - it was confidently supposed that she could never recover from her illness, the consumption - the wid. was his sister. Lem Sherwood Jr, M. Squires & R. Eales were here this evening and danced - the two last were ladies.

Joel Clark. Sherwood Wid. H. Harwood

SATURDAY, JULY 19 Cool fine day - Left no hay out at night and a small quantity of rye was harvested. Before Mr Clark went over to his sister's this morning a small account between the widow & us was settled - the balance in her favor was 9/6 which was paid in an order of that am't on Dr Swift's store. Our boy L.Norton went home at night, having worked nearly 6 days.

July 1823 SUNDAY, JULY 20 Cool & fair - Read Paines Geog'y a little - assisted Sally in getting a big cheese into press - salted cattle & sheep - drove geese out of oats - saw & talked with B.Loomis at night - J.Norton Jr came up about 9 o'clock to request the favor of having horses pastured - could not agree to it - he made some remark to Lydia - how short the time (the) appeared to him since he with her & others used to frequent balls in early youth. J.Martindale hired of us Wh Creek horse & waggon - visited White Creek - bro't thence his sister Lydia, carried her to her brother's above Carpenter's - and ended the day gallanting home Emily Robinson - Dama being with them - Father visited aunt Hannah Harwood who was expected soon to leave town with her brother Joel who came over in order to carry her to his residence in Shelburne, M's - it was presumed she could continue long - A small note was sent by him to Dr Swift against cous Steph Harwood - turned out towards her doctor's bill.

Martindale Wh Creek Joel Clark.

MONDAY, JULY 21 Flying clds from the E. A.M. - P.M. a few short showers with 2 or 3 sudden claps of thunder - one of which much frightened our litt dog - Harvested rye - Justin & Luman assisted - We got pretty wet - Ed'd Booth a mulatto man, young, died this eve'g - 9 o'clock

Death of Ed Boothe

TUESDAY, JULY 22 Tolerably warm & fair - flying clds - wd E. Harvested rye - We all viewed in the eve'g a tot. eclipse of the moon between 9, 10 & 11 o'clock. Mother rode to L.Staunton's, Pownal.







WEDNESDAY, JULY 23 Fair & not very warm - continued peaceably harvesting rye - The ladies had a little party at Catharines - Our rye in the 3 cornered field turned good - that in the orchard was quite middling.

THURSDAY, JULY 24 Wind SW - flying clds - warm - signs of rain - Finished harvesting rye a little P.M. - commenced mowing again towards eve'g - J.Rog's visited us this day eve'g - our geese were whipped for getting into the oats. Parsons plowed out his potatoes on the 22nd.

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FRIDAY, JULY 25 Looked much like having rain - but there was none of any account here - saw rain at the SE, E & NE - Pursued haying rather faintly - got in all we mowed - rather green - salted it well - grew principally in the swampy part of the S.meadow facing J.Rog's - Mrs Duncan & Mrs Martindale, wife of S.M., visited here this P.M. - Late in the day we procured of Parsons 2 of his water-spouts - perhaps 16 feet long - considerably worm eaten - placed them below the first big spring which comes out of the rocks - for accommodating our horses with drink.

SATURDAY, JULY 26 Tolerably warm - rained a litt while in the m'g - clouds thick - low subsequent part of the day - wind S.E. or S.W. Dr Swift came to visit mother while I was preparing a muzzle for our young bullock to prevent the imp from sucking cows - assisted in mowing the upper part of the meadow S. of J.Rog's against the orchard. H.Dimmick paid us a visit - L.Norton our faithful boy had the misfortune to wound himself in his leg with a scythe after having cut a few elecampane-tops down the lane tow'd Parsons' - he was carried home at night. Had trouble in finding the mare "Nancy" - she was in Brown's pasture - N. of the Ind field in company with D's grey mare - which along with the colts vexed us badly. Miss Electa Martindale paid our ladies a visit.

SUNDAY, JULY 27 Very warm - flying clds - P.M. some showery at the S.W. - In the gr't wagg'n rode to Petersburg with my lady - halted awhile at S.Worthington's opposite Col W's Hotel - Sally visited the woman of the house - while I viewed a handsome french field piece brass 3 pr cast in 1792 - property of the State of N.Y. - The Methodist meeting house appeared to have been pretty full as the people came out at noon - We took P.Barber & Mrs W. & boy & rode to Mr Phillips' and there made a short visit - rec'd very kind & friendly treatment

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got time to visit & talk with Mr Barber and his wife - supper and a short shower being over we set our faces towards home past 4 P.M. and arrived here before 9. We understood that Dr Robinson's lady was hourly expected to breathe her last, being worn out with consumption. Grass in many parts appeared to be light - grain as good as usual - most farmers had harvested rye - Saw fine lots of cows at Case's and at Bratt's in Hoosack.

MONDAY, JULY 28 Fine yellow hot hay day - Had business in Algiers carrying grist to mill - talking with uncle Geo Godfrey &c - Visited the Hill - got the newspaper for July 29 - saw the stages - bo't of Dr Swift 10 lbs sug at 10" - and 3 lb rice at 5". P.M. 2 tons hay which was cut partly in the N. and partly in the S. mead SE







And. Jon's house was safely got in. And Parsons worked here - Had much gee  
Parsons good music in the parlour.

TUESDAY, JULY 29 Very cldy - rained awhile in the mg - expected rain  
day - but lasted only by short intervals - quite  
Flax warm - wind S.W. - A quantity of flax was pulled A.M. - P.M. mowing was  
performed in the S. mead. Andrew Parsons worked for us. Dama was sick  
Dr Johnson attended her.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 30 Warm - wind S.W. - Showers soon shewed themselves  
in the N. - began to visit us about 12 and from  
that time more or less through the day - accompanied with thund'r -  
About 2 tons hay cut E. side the S. meadow along the Fay line could not  
be gathered on account of the state of the weather. Justin worked at  
Brown. Brown's - Lydia, Sally, Dama & Catherine visited E. Chase Jun & wife.

THURSDAY, JULY 31 Flying clds from N.W. - scatter'd rain in passing  
over - However we got up our hay & commenced cutt-  
L. Norton ing spring wheat. Lydia Norton happened here this eve'g with her sis-  
ter Eliza.

FRIDAY, AUG. 1st Pretty warm - some cldy - signs of rain. Two or 3  
acres of the N. meadow was cut over - the produce  
being good was drawn

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Aug. in and some spring wheat harvested. J. Rog. assisted to pay for Jus.  
1823 working at Browns - Hired Hiram Boothe for this day only - at 50".  
H. Booth

SATURDAY, AUG. 2 Rained early in the m'g - at 2 P.M. with thunder  
and at night or rather toward night. Finished crad  
J. Rog's ling & binding spring wheat - a few swaths of oats were laid. J. Rog.  
Sherw(d assisted all day. L. Sher'd Junr came to contrive to have Rog. go home  
with him - finally went with S.H. Brown. Singing was performed in the  
parlour.

SUNDAY, AUG. 3 Very warm, flying clds - showers app'd at a distance  
Eve'g lightened from S.E. - W & N.W. - rained here  
Sherwood before m'g - J. Rog. & I visited Mr L. Sherwood's, by way of Kinyon's -  
Saw all Mr S's late improvements in fencing & building - dairy - fine  
cows & other excellent creatures - they had made 82 cheeses which would  
average about 40 lbs - At Mr A. Sherwood's was shen a fine dairy and  
some of the finest sp'g pigs ever raised - it was computed that the  
heaviest would weigh alive about 170 lbs. At Sherwood's, besides Lem &  
Lyman there were S.H. Br'n, & Amos Marsh - Nine in the eve'g got home

MONDAY, AUG. 4 Tolerably warm - had many showers - particularly a  
sudden one P.M. which caught a part of our hay -  
the last grass in the N. meadow was cut down, and the greatest part of  
it got in. Harvey Montgomery of Pownal hired to us for a few days.  
H. Mont- Lightened in the eve'g.  
gomery.

TUESDAY, AUG. 7 Cloudy - no hay weather A.M. P.M. fair & warm.  
Got hay S.W. p't of the S. meadow - finished off  
the N. mead'w - pulled some flax - Our ladies turned out on a visit to  
uncle Sam's.

WEDNESDAY, AUG 6 Great variation in the appearance of the weather -  
seemed likely for rain sometimes and sometimes the







reverse. Work went on well - finished carting rye - drew in 1 ld sp'g wh't. Montgomery mowed S. of the old brook place - turned out good - Justin worked at Brown's to pay for J.Rog. on Saturday.

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Aug 1823 THURSDAY, AUG. 7 Extremely warm indeed - got in all the rye & wheat as well as 2 loads of hay on the flat by the walnut tree - E. of it - good because it was manured

FRIDAY, AUG. 8 Great shower at the N. early this morning - Inview- ing this shower, which took place about break of day, saw more lightning and heard heavier thunder than at any time this summer - but there was very little of it here - very hot all day. Thunder  
Edgerton & Spencer. Horace Edgerton & J.W. Spencer were with out boys mowing - cut down all on 4 acres - W. part of the S. mead - N. of the brook - got up the hay in full - Parsons assisted at raking P.M.

SATURDAY, AUG. 9 Flying clds - very high wind from N.W. - quite cool Same hands again at mowing which was performed up- per part of the S. mead - lighter than was ever known before - it was got up at 2 loads - some flax pulled also - Luman attended the horse ra- race in Algiers - Bates of Pownal beat Percey of Hoosick - Lydia Harwoo was this day 32 years of age.

SUNDAY, AUG. 10 Chilly in the morning - cool & cldy all day - com- menced raining slowly near night - wind S.W. Had Cattle. trouble with cattle from the S. - other concerns & barbering - walking in the young orchard with Sally, P. Barb., Damia & Montgomery hindered me from writing till sometime past noon - at the close of the day read a few lines in Bigland on Hungarian & German Hist'y at the commencement of the 16th Century. Father & Lydia attended to hear a missionary or missionaries from the pulpit. Parsons here at night.

MONDAY, AUG. 11 Wet - showery most of the day from S.W. - mowing wa- was performed occasionally by father & Montgomery - Oats. cradling short oats by Justin. Luman had horses shod at his fathers' - I wrote a letter to H. Debar of Troy.

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Aug. 1823 Died, on the 6th inst., Mrs Aurilla Crossett, after a long & painful ill- ness which she bore with Christian fortitude - she was the 3rd daughter of Mr Samuel Safford of this town - in her 22nd year.

TUESDAY, AUG. 12 No good hay weather - flying clds from N.W. Got up the last hay in the lii. mead. which we think this season produced about 5 tons. Some flax was pulled - Just. cradled oat

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 13 Fine for business - tolerably warm. Got in 26 hund of hay from a small manured spot N. of the upp. Manure brook in the S. mead. - 12 hund more was taken from the swale in the Tracy field - Just. finished cradling oats & pulling flax was nearly completed.

THURSDAY, AUG. 14 Looked as it would rain here almost any mom't all day - but did not finally begin until evening - Raked & bound the last of our oats - got in 1 load from the S. field - Montgomery's time of service expired this day - due him \$5.







FRIDAY, AUG. 15 Very rainy all night & thru day till ab't noon -  
P.M. cloudy & very warm - Past noon rode to Algiers  
L.Norton with Luman Norton whose term of service had now ended - due him a lit-  
tle over \$4.00 - at \$1 pr week - abd we were highly pleased with him -  
F.Clark engaged to pay \$2.25 in one month for the boy's fur hat at F.Cl'ks -  
At Dewey's while waiting for the grinding of 2-1/2 bush corn - read in  
several parts of Goodrich's History of the U.S. - pretty curious, but  
tinctured with too much of a certain old ism that I could never like -  
Bisbee In town settled with Bisbee - who paid in full \$6.09 S.H.Brown & Lym  
Sherwood Sherwood came to our house latish this eve'g - went off again.

SATURDAY, AUG. 16 Cloudy & middling warm - rained some toward night -  
Celebration wind S.E. - My father & self attended the celebra-  
tion so far as to march in a numerous procession to the meeting house

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August where Col. Merrill delivered a good oration - elders Mattison & Tinkhum  
1823 performing the usual religious duties in appropriate & pathetic style.  
It was a pleasing as well as solemn scene to behold the survivors of  
the Revolution who acted a part on the stage at that eventful period,  
either in Bennington Battle or elsewhere, seated by themselves in the  
six front pews with green boughs in their hats - the same as worn on  
the day of action - to see them this day united as brethren of one fam-  
ily, without distinction of party, was a sight truly affecting & cannot  
soon be forgotten - Those whom I knew & can recollect were gov. Galusha  
& gen. Robinson, Capt J. Norton, Lieut Safford, Major Hawkes, Judge Fay  
Mr I. Webster, Mr Hurd, Mr Sim. Hatheway, Mr Sam Safford, & Mr Silas  
Walbridge - Capt J. Safford was not present, but afterwards came up and  
dined as I was informed - all the above persons except Capt Norton were  
in the battle - he then not being an inhabitant of this place - Col.  
Brownson from Manchester was present - Returned in procession to the  
Court House attended by good martial music - as to what followed in  
public I leave to the newspapers. I ought not to omit mentioning that  
my father was seated among the revolutionary characters of the day -  
it was not his fortune however to be in the battle - was called out  
several times among the militia. Soon after the dispersion of the pro-  
cession we came home with Misses A. & L. Sherwood and very agreeably  
spent the P.M. - no lady being present except Catherine Rog's who made  
us a good supper.

SUNDAY, AUG. 17 Cloudy - looked much like rain - wind S.W. Having  
bro't my writing and other business to a close -  
with the 2 Vol of

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Aug. of Gordon's American Revolution in my hand, visited our old friend and  
1823 neighbor Capt Norton, to whom read of the affair on Long Island, Ben-  
Capt Nort nington Battle and the battles with Burgoyne - Sept. & Oct. 1777, and  
it highly entertained him - B. Squires & Lady - Parsons - L. Norton -  
Company were present some part of the time. Evening there was company at J.  
Rog's - Hen Safford & F. Blackmer - Eliza & Lydia Norton - they came  
they said to hear the flute. On the 15th inst received a letter from  
Palmer cousin Palmer of Hopkinton dated early in this month informing that by  
about the 28th he & his lady would be here on a visit - Uncle Hopkins  
had just returned from a year's visit to Indiana, Ohio &c. - liked the  
country extremely well.

MONDAY, AUG. 18 Pretty warm - threatend rain - thundered at night  
Oats hard in the W. Wound off haying, getting in oats  
Haying which this year were very light - not half a crop - & the bawk hay. Hay  
with us abt as good as usual - some heavier and some lighter in parts.







TUESDAY, AUG. 19 Very warm, especially towards evening - thund'd & lightened beyonf Albany - Rained here in the morn-  
 Expedition to ing - Ab't 10 A.M. set off with J.M.B. Spencer for Waterford on business  
 Waterf'd for his brother - The travelling was rendered unpleas't by reason of the road being badly ford-washed by late great showers - Didn't stop at Wadsworth's because there was no room under the sheds - an officer training being held there. Called at Snyders' - Geo Tibbitts was among others pres't and described a curious horse-rake used in his or some other man's mead. which would do the business of 12 men in the old way About half an hour before sun-down arrived in Waterford - left horse & waggon at a tavern and visited the locks and canal which had been lately filled but discovering that it leaked badly they were letting off the water.

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Aug. 1823 Went to the Cohoes bridge whence there is a good view of the falls - the water was very low - it was past sun set - we returned to our inn by the road - Spencer then took the wagg & drove to the house where his brother had lately boarded - got his trunk & came off in triumph - took me in at the bridge where with others I had been viewing the thund'r cloud at S.W. - rode to the cake & beer tavern on the hill this side Lansingburgh - It was very warm and nesrly 10 at night - we supped on gingerb'd & cheese - called for something to read - he the landlord produced C.A. Goodrich's Hist. of the U.S. - too federal for me - otherwise pretty good - Our landlord was youngish - had been married about a year. Being finely refreshed put forward again - made no other call till arrived at Mammy Shaw's - often were we overpowered by sleep - it was a cool, foggy, moonlight night, and it was about break of day when we got to the place last mentioned. Found a man over-head in the horse shed having in his care horses and loaded wagg'n. Here I took a nap on the soft side of a bench in the bar-room, ate some crackers, baited ou our beast and resumed our journey - it being a little after sunrise.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 20 Very warm - wind S.W. Arrived in town before 9 o'clock - landed Mr S. & trunk safely at his house and myself & establishm't in good plight at home. Assisted in getting up the flock out of which Bisbee selected for the knife 8 fine first Lambs. rate wedder lambs. P.M. rode to Algiers. Vcarried Mother to L. Dew-Cash pd ey's. Paid to Mrs Selden toward P. Barber's bonnet 96 cents - Paid at Mrs Selden Dr Swift's store in money \$2.25 & Dr Swift

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Aug. 1823 THURSDAY, AUG. 21 Cloudy - some rainy in the morning - still more P.M thundered too - In the morning or say toward noon went to Algiers on business at the blacksmith's and the mills. P.M. Visited with my lady & P. Barber paid Mr Sherwood's folks a visit which was to Sher- us very pleasing. Mr S. had just completely finished off all his hay- woods. ing & harvesting - had lately purchased a new l h. wag'n - their dairy looked finely - hogs &c all in good condition. Lyman was at home, but soon expected to go to U. College at Skenectady. On the way back halted at Hicks' to hear a violin & tamborine well played. As we went past them going out to Sherwood's saw a man exhibiting a bear - the first I ever saw - This day and on Thursday Justin worked at haying for Brown. Father mowed C. Thistles.

FRIDAY, AUG. 22 Pretty chilly this morning - had been a cold night Walling. fair warm day - wind somewhere - worked at walling with my father - Justin ploughed stubble land with horses.







SATURDAY, AUG. 23 Cold in the morning - fair, warm day - worked at walling mainly - Justin ploughed - but broke a new plough point. In the morning J. Rog's & J. Martindale butchered a fine calf 4 w'ks old - averaging almost 20 lbs a quarter - carried to the Norton's 2 of them which stand charged on book. Brought home a plough share new laid which would not fit the plough - sent it back at night by Justin to A. Norton to have it adjusted - Provided Miss Thompson with a coat to make - bo't the trimmings at Blackmer's - At the stores of Swift & Blackmer owed in the aggregate ab't \$74.

Veal  
 Miss Thompson Store debt.

SUNDAY, AUG. 24 Very pleas't - wind N.W. - Pretty busy, hadn't much time to read and write - took some satisfaction in Gordon.

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Aug. 1823 MONDAY, AUG. 25 Fine warm day - early in the mg Father went to mill and bro't thence a new laid plow-share from A. Norton's - Justin with Brown's oxen worked with the plough an hour or 2 & Martindale broke it - I was on the point of going to W. Haff's at White Creek but on finding this to be the case unriggered - declared I would not go - however on further reflection went with my lady, J. Rog's & wife and enjoyed a good ride & time & fine visit at friend H's. At Palmer's store was weighed by the new patent scale - 141 lbs - Agreed to have a felt hat for \$1.75 cash down. At Sayles saw their dairy - 110 cheeses which would average 60 lbs (pr cheese) - Saw some idle people about the tavern - Horse racing was much thought of - they had ground on which they tried them daily. After dark we came home. Justin & father destroyed weeds in the garden & built wall.

White Creek.

Cash pd at the Post Office. TUESDAY, AUG. 26 Fine and very warm. Walling and ploughing was pursued - Bo't a plough p't of J.K. Hicks - pd 50 cents h'd p'd 18 cents at the post office for a letter from Hopkinton rec'd on 16th inst - Saw at the Print. O. C. Doolittle & Mr Brown.

J. Rogers WEDNESDAY, AUG. 27 Like the 26th very warm - some cldy - Myself & little family (dine) took breakfast at J. Rog's by request - Walling and plowing continued.

Henry Palmer & Lady. THURSDAY, AUG 28 Continued very warm - wind S. - Same work employed us. Mrs Waters with her babe pd us a visit. Also arrived here latish this morning Mr Henry Palmer & lady from Hopkinton N.Y. - the latter was the eldest of my uncle J. Harw'd family - left all except Eliza A. who appeared to be in a declining state - Uncle Hopkins was well - expected soon to leave his country for the

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Aug. 1823 State of Ohio with his new bride of 34 or 36 where he had been engaged in inventing a horse boat on a new construction. His marriage took place on the 9th inst to a Miss Polly Armstrong, formerly from Pawlet, Vt. We were much pleased to see our cousins & to hear from our relatives in Hopkinton.

D. Hopkins

Walling. FRIDAY, AUG. 29 Very warm & dry - some cloudy - We drove at Walling - Justin thrashed rye - The fence which employed my father was post & rail wall - built about the year 1796 - some of the first made by him & his brother Jonas - we now threw by the posts & rail rails - substituting whole wall in their place - it stretches from a barway beyond the Dry-brook S. about 10 rods - Finished it this day - Enjoyed our cousins very agreeably.







SATURDAY, AUG. 30 Extremely warm - dry & some cldy - Visited the Hill with cousin Palmer - went to Clark's - pd 21 qts corn to Mrs Selden for making P.Barber's bonnet - bo't 2 lbs tea, 1/2 lb pearl ash & a mackerel at Dr Swift's - 2 gls molasses & 5 lbs 6 oz cod-fish at Blackmer's - P.M. visited with our cousins & Sally & Damia at uncle S.Robinson's till past sun-set - returned home & saw a short time a Mr Goodale & lady & E. Montague with his lady who had paid a most welcome but brief visit to our folks - Mr G. agreed to make me a cheese tub & 4 pails all iron bound including iron bails for \$6. payable in brandy at 50" pr bbl & 1 bhl dried apples - sd wooden were to be furnished at Whitehall at any time after sleighing the ensuing winter. Our friend & his lady app'd to be in fine spirits - Cousin S.Robinson was very much out of health. Of Abram Brown pr his cousin S.H.Brown rec'd \$3.50 in full for rye. A.Brown & lady started for Connecticut on the 28th inst.

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Aug. 1823 SUNDAY, AUG. 31 Warm - strong, jerking gusts of wind - a small shower arose late in the evening - wind N.W. Cousin Palmer & I enjoyed ourselves very nicely eating fruit & talking busily of distant friends and such as had departed this life. Lydia, Damia, cousin Emily & Miss Barber rode too church.

Sowing Palmer Horse-thief. Company MONDAY, SEPT. 1st Fine and tolerably cool - Father sowed rye - Justin harrowed with horses - A.M. Palmer went about with me while I was picking up a load of refuse rails. P.M. we took a ride - called to view L. Norton's works - which he had lately established in good style - Made L. & D.H.Swift acquainted with Mr P. - went on round by Smith's to Algiers - turned short round beyond S. Safford's bridge - On C.H.Hill saw the horse thief - visited the printing office - got a newspaper containing the toasts of Aug 16 to forward by friend P. to Judge Hopkins - came out to the street where much was said concerning the horse thief. Before night returned to be with our friends from uncle S.Robinson's - there were from that quarter uncle S. aunt S., cousins S. Jun'r, Polly & Emily - Evening they all went home except aunt S. who staid all night & witnessed a pretty little dance performed by cousin P. & wife - Lydia, Damia & Sally.

Palmer departs. TUESDAY, SEPT 2 Very pleas't but warm. We this m'g parted with cousin Emily, husband & child very reluctantly after receiving from them one of the most agreeable visits ever made - sent Hubbard's Indian Wars & "Eng. Reader" to uncle Jared Dewey of Hopkinton - to all our other relatives there forwarded abundance of love and compliments. Before attending election rode to mill.

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Sept. 1823 Election. Books Counterfeit. Our mill river was never known to be lower. Capt M. Robinson elected representative to the town over O.C.Merrill by 90 majority. A strong Church party backed up by the real old federalists along with others causes prevailed against our friend Merrill - a bad defeat to him. As to Gov. & Councillors - there being no opposition - few tickets were put into the box. Saw Nicholson's Encyclopedia at Fassett's - 12 Vols Oct.for \$20. - could not buy for want of means to pay - Bo't of Dr Swift an empty rum hogsh'd iron bound for 14/60 on credit. At night was informed by S.H.Brown that he supposed he had received from me a counterfeit bill of \$3. - which he had paid away to Hiram Boothe a few days since - the latter wrote in a saucy letter from Troy that it was counterfeit. Brown had taken the precaution to enter my name on the back of it when paid over which was on the evening of June 30th.







recollected my telling him I had it of Dr Swift - I was there that day P.M. - borr'd of Ed'd Swift \$5. in money which I think was what they say is not bankable or current - So much trouble for counterfeiters.

Rye sown WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 3 S.wind - warm & cldy - looked for rain - sowing rye was finished - the field off the N.W. part of the N meadow containing about 3-1/2 acres - and the Tracy field comprising as much more. Bishee visited me awhile this A.M. - Winnowed about 3 bhls sp wheat. P.M. got harrow at Edgerton's & assisted in finishing all off.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 4 Cloudy - warm - looked as if it would rain and did rain a very little - P.M. pretty pleas't - cool - wind N.W. - we stuck up in end old wood & rails - thrashed rye &c. Brown Father went to Brown's field S. end of Dr Day place to assist J.Rogers Work about sowing rye - at noon rode in cart coming home - Jon. had on Br'n. steers & oxen - they frightened him a little & in getting out got badly hurt.

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Sept. 1823 FRIDAY, SEPT 5 Fine handsome day - wind N. we beat off flax seed- H.Waters assisted A.M. - P.M. he plagued the girls. Father went to Mill at Walbridge's - P.M. & eve(g bery unwell - Hicks' great Ball tickets were out - Reub Rob. bro't Dama one. J.Rog. had our bullocks to plow with for Brown - praised them much.

Edgerton SATURDAY, SEPT. 6 Cloudy - storm appraoching - wind N. Edgerton paid. (Horace) rec'd 5-1/2 bhls rye - 3 of which to pay him for work here 2 days in haying - the other 2-1/2 to be charged to Dr Swift - Justin & myself were principally employed at spreading flax Father, whose health continued bad, rode P.M. with Mother to Esq Noble - the gentleman informed him that he was in his 85th year

Revolutionary War. SUNDAY, SEPT. 7 Rained finely nearly all day - cool - after the usual course of employment - After the usual course of employment read some interesting passages in the History of the Revolutionary war in the Southern States in which you gen Green displayed unusual firmness and abilities. Mr Kent and S.H.Brown visited us respectively.

Cider Mill MONDAY, SEPT. 8 Excellent weather. Mr Kent made a new sweep, assisted by Mr Duncan, to the cider-mill - the same being very heavy (elm) was raised by assistance from Parsons, Patience Brown Barber & Damia. J.Martindale worked at Brown's - had oxen P.M. Gave an order pr L.Norton on Dr Swift for \$1.83

Death of Mrs Sterns. TUESDAY, SEPT. 9 Fine and warm. Worked with Mr Kent banding the short nut of the cid. mill - Justin cut up corn - father cut timber for cart felloes - Parsons dragged up wood with our bullocks. The funeral of Mrs Sterns was attended at the meeting house.

Cider mill WEDNESDAY, SEPT.10 Fair and warm - by means of high wooden horses sweep. raised the sweep off the cid. mill - turned down the timbers.







Sept. 1823 took out the long nut - Mr Kent hooped & banded it - returned it to its place - lowered the sweep down onto the tenon - had the hopper erected &c. Father & mother visited cousin Stephen's - Justin got 20 revets - Wagon 1d apples. made at Chandler's and gather'd wagg load of apples. Mr Jo Watson and lady paid us a visit from Paran Creek.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 11 Warm, much like the 10th - Mr Kent mended cart wheel, putting in 2 felloes, 1 spoke - heated & nailed on the tires. A cart load of apples from the young orcard was brought down - Andrew Parsons worked for us more than half a day - got Chain of casks abd other affairs in readiness for making cider - Rec'd of friend Parsons Parsons one large link with a hook at each end and another made for his bark-mill sweep for 50" - Sometime in eve'g went to Hicks' to view Great Ball the Grand Ball (at) held in his new and elegant Hall - Saw among the at Hicks' Spectators gov Tichenor, Judge Fay, D. Robinson Jun'r, J V D Spiegel E.D. Hubbell, J. Hubbell - The music being 2 violins & clarionet, played J. Rog. & by a Frenchman & 2 blacks did very well, but was short of what I have S H Brown heard. J. Rog. & S.H. Brown went with our horse & wag. to W. Creek to Wh Creek. see the races.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 12 Fair, and very warm. Made cider - had between 50 & 60 bhls apples exclusive of a few furnished by Parsons - hogh'd of 119 galls cider was forward'd by J. Martindale to Norton's still. Sold to C. Bisbee a calf 4 wks and 2 days old on condition that he should pay me 3-1/2 cents pr lb for the quarters including runnet. Bisbee paid us tow'd lambs a five dollar Brattleboro bank L. Sander- note, No. 7787, letter A. Mr Lyman Sanderson, tin pedler, called in the son. A.M. to get his pay, we could not then hand over - he agreed to call again - See May 15.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 13 Cloudy - wind S. - signs of rain. Some corn was cut up by father & me. Justin went a hunting all day.

Sept 1823 J. Harwood came over & agreed to swap cows with us. Bne of the gentlemen mentioned p .145 came to see us to know if we had any stock to sell - had a young fellow with him - directed him to see a calf 9 mo's old - they returned and said they could give no more than \$5. for it-- him - the highest they could give for cows was \$15 - for some \$12 - the lowest 10 - 18 for the best 3 year old steers - they talked good awhile and went away. Mother & Cath' Rogers visited Algiers. Friend A. Brown arr'd from Conn't on the 12th - My lady was this day thirty years of Woodbeck age. A negro man preached the Gospel this eve'g at neighbor Spencer's in Mrs Woodbeck's apartment - she being herself a lady of colour.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 14 Cloudy - expected much rain - realized but very little - Employed as usual. H. Waters killed a male fowl for Sally on which we supped - he being of the party - Justin went to meeting half a day at our church. My father had a letter handed him from by his cousin Perez which on opening found to be my from my old friend H. Debar. H. Debar - dated Troy, Aug. 23 - in reply to mine of the 11th - said he should tarry till Oct. 1st - should return here with cows to let &c - appeared to be doing well and in good spirits.

MONDAY, SEPT. 15 Fine & warm. Early in the day cousin S. Harwood came over with his old cow to exchange for one of ours - had his son Jared with him - the cow which we let him have was usually called "Young Sensibility" - being about 4 years old - in good







S.Harw'd condition - gave a tolerable quantity of milk - we considered her worth  
 cow about \$15 - father mentioned to his cousin that he presumed when he  
 trade came to milk her he would

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be willing to allow him two dollars top boot - to which he made no objection - appearing tombe willing to do what was right - The cow we rec'd was well stricken in years - about the middle size and rather low in flesh - but suited to our purpose which was to fatten. Finished cutting up corn - J.Rog. assisted half a day for Brown - Kent an hour or two for accommodation at the close of the day. Had paid to J.Martindale tow'd hire \$29.48. On Saturday Lyd. made candles.

corn  
 cut up  
 Martin-  
 dale.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 16 Hazy - wind S.W. Went to see about selling cider - Fassett agreed conditionally to take 1 bbl at 1 dollar - took the newspaper and came home - Rowen was mown, corn hauled up and some apples gathered, besides rowen being secured. J.Rog. assisted half a day for Brown. Mr Martindale had our store book to go to F. Blackmer's - took up goods to the amount of 81 cents.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT 17 S.w'd, cldy - showery P.M. rained hard at night - Gath'd apples and made cider - J.Rog. assisted to the value of half a day for Brown. Paid to Lyman Sanderson of Peru, Ms in full for tin \$4.50 - let him have the money rec'd of Bisbee - p 453 Mr S. appear'd to be a very good man - See p. 418 - Parsons began to use his new stove pipe.

L.Sander-  
 son.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 18 Flying clds - extremely warm wind, strong S.W. at night there appeared in the N.W. a tremendous thund'r shower which between 9 & ten reached here without being anyway extraordinary except producing often very bright flashes of lightning and heavy reports of thunder. It was during this great shower that the barn and sheds of Mr Nath'l Hall, Paran Creek, was burnt down with 300 bbls grain & a laege quantity of hay besides - In the morning sent per Fassett's J.Martindale Fassett's cider to him for which he paid \$1. - Martindale cider. had the same towards hire.

N.Hall's  
 barn  
 burnt.

Fassett's  
 cider.

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Sept added several bushels to the cheese on the press, dug a load of potatoes  
 1823 & sent Justin with a hhd cider (111 gs) to Nort's still. Mother, Lydia  
 Cider & Dama visited Wm Duncan - Mr Eldred pres't.

Mrs Dunean

FRIDAY, SEPT. 19 Tolerably warm, flying clouds. Made or rather pressed out cid. dug potatoes, got in pretty good 1'd row en & at night there being a fine moon I went to the still with 111 gs cider - Capt Norton & I talked of the his. of the revolution - said he was in the affair mentioned by Gordon, p. 112. Gen'l Kellogg with his son Sam'l arrived from Pittsford, Vt., heard him relate in very unassuming style the psrt which he took in Bennington battle and other particulars connected therewith. On Thursday morning 5 bbls corn was paid to S.Loomis S. Loomis tow'd pigs - 50" yet due; J.Rog. having had 1 bhl for which he engaged cash, or he might have had it in full

Rowen

Cidermill

Gen'l

Kellogg

S.Loomis

Capt.  
 Safford

SATURDAY, SEPT. 20 Elying clds - wind roared from S.W. & it was pretty warm till eve'g when there was a sudden change of weather - grew cold immediately - black clds from N.W. - gr't drops of rain for a few moments - A 1'd of potatoes was dug and some necessary chors attended to. Father A.M. rode to visit Capt Safford with his cousins - P.M. they started off for Wmstown - father attended to business as usual. Lydia & Dama rode to Arlington.







SUNDAY, SEPT. 21 Chilly & cldy - wind N.W. - Pinching frost at night  
 Nothing unusual going on. In the eve'g turned over  
 History the pages of Gordon respecting the Stamp Act 1765 - Congress of Commit-  
 teemen in Oct. that year at New York - campaign of 1776 - from White-  
 plains battle to the retreat of Washington across the Jerseys &c.  
 Arlington Polly & Damia arrived from Arlington - had visited at Cambridge where  
 visit. they saw old Mrs Waters & her daughter Polly - both doing well.

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Sept 1823 MONDAY, SEPT. 22 Frosty m'g, fair - P.M. chill & cldy - wind N.  
 Great preparation for the races. Sixty bhls pota-  
 toes were dug. Mr E.Smedley, lady & daughter Minerva came on a visit  
 Smedley from Williamstown. Sold 4 lbs cheese for thirty cents to N.Dexter.  
 N.Dexter TUESDAY, SEPT. 23 Some chilly - wind S.E. - cloudy - Father visited  
 with his cousin's at P.Harwood Esq's - Justin tar-  
 Father ried with me in the potato field till nearly noon - then for ab't half  
 an hour had a good deal of running to do - Mr Tobias with his two hor-  
 ses put in here as well as Mr David from White Creek with with a race  
 Races horse for Mr Haff to be kept during the races - not long after arrived  
 a load from Dr Porter's, Williamstown, Julius his son being coachman -  
 Tobias left Miss L. Clark and went to the course - the lady is a cousin of  
 Davis mine - came here on a visit - Next drove up Dr Freeman & lady (former-  
 ly Miss Jane Clark), from Kingsbury, N.Y. - Green Potter's wife came  
 Julius on a visit from Pown'l. About 12 at noon went myself to the course -  
 Porter. found a great throng assembled there - the Canada rider and horse took  
 the purse. Col H.Robinson at the head of the officers of the Regiment  
 visited the ground. Saw Horace Dimmick and others of my acquaintance  
 there. Staid about an hour and a half & returned to picking up potatoe  
 W.Bryant of which gather'd about 25 bhls - at night a young man in his sulky put  
 up here.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT 24 Chilly morning, cldy - fair at night. Browns cattle  
 were all found in our corn field this morning.  
 Rec'd in full this morning of Willard Bryant for fare of himself &  
 horse 46 cents - paid him in change fifty four cents and he gave me a  
 bank note on the Utica branch of Newburgh bank, one dollar, No.1862  
 lett'r H. dated Jan'y 16 1821 - C. McConnor signer on the bank.

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Sept 1823 Dr Freeman departed for Colrairie in the morning. P.M. Wid. A. Waters  
 with her son Nath'l & sister Sally came over down from E.Waters' as  
 Dr.Free- well as others to pay us a visit. Jon. Rog. & Justin butchered a lamb  
 man. for us whose quarters weighed thirty six lbs - the latter threshed oats  
 Lamb. till noon and then spent the remainder of the day at the races. We dug  
 potatoes as much as we could - heard as we imagined reports of small  
 Guns. arms from the S. as if fired by plattoons. Tobias and Davis both here  
 at night.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 25 Cldy, wd S.E.- rainy at night. Mr Haff with his  
 brother & another man arrived from W.Cr'k at 2  
 o'clock this morning - rec'd in full from him for keeping Mr Davis and  
 horse 75" - charged him lightly on acc't of friendship and good ac-  
 Quaintance. We employed ourselves in digging potatoes on that patch of  
 ground planted on the 23rd of June - turned lightly - had not had time  
 to arrive at maturity. Jacob Tobias of New Haven, Vt., staid with us  
 again at night - settled with him and rec'd payment in full - bill amtd  
 to \$1.32 - talked with the man some about buying up cows for me next  
 spring - if he should collect a drove so as to enable him to drive the







small number I should want which was five first rates to be at about \$22. Agreed to write him at Vergennes in Feb'y.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 26 Chilly, cldy day - at any rate it was so tow'd evg  
 Nearly completed digging potatoes of which there  
 were about 250 bhls - a little piece in the orchard E. of J. Rog's pro-  
 duced well - mended fence for B. between orchards - furnished ab't a  
 doz rails - Mr Spencer lost a little boy about 12 months old, died. Mr  
 S. Godfrey lost a child not quite 18 months old - another at the W. part  
 of the town - all on this day - the two first of the dropsy in the brain

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Sept 1823 SATURDAY, SEPT. 27 Fair & rather chilly - Wind N. Mr Smedley & daugh-  
 ter Minerva returned to Wms'town. Flad s'd was in  
 part winnowed - Flax in the meadow turned &c. P.M. we attended the fu-  
 Mr Peters neral of Mr Spencer's child. Mr Peters delivered a short discourse  
 from what is said by the Wise Man concerning the house of mourning & th  
 Bisbee house of feasting. Visited Mr Bisbee, made a settlement in full & recd  
 pay eight dollars and sixty six cents in Plattsburgh & Brattleboro mon-  
 ey, out of which paid \$4. of the bills to Dr Swift likewise 75" in spe-  
 cie to the same - Of the other bills I took minutes and paid them to  
 Patience Barber toward hire - Also paid to the son of Franklin Clark in  
 P. Barber full for L. Norton's fut hat two dollars and twenty five cents - Mr Clar  
 was gone to Albany - paid over the same in her shop before going to Bis  
 bee's (p. 443) at Bisbee's they were straining tallow - I supped there  
 Patchins' At Patchin's became security for aunt Sarah Robinson in the purchase of  
 a shawl which cost \$2.08 - she said she should pay it next week or some  
 thing to that am't - Visited the Printing office, Fassett's & office of  
 Merrill & Robinson - talked with the former a few moments.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 28 Clear & cold - wind N.W. Had but little time for  
 reading - cut off hop vines to save them from frost  
 H. Waters Wm Henry was rec'd into the church. H. Waters spent the day here.

MONDAY, SEPT. 29 Blue & cloudy - searching wind from N.W. - clouds  
 looked like March clouds - some feathers of snow  
 flew. Gath'd some wint. apples - fixed cid. mill, press &c.  
 C. Brown Charles B'n came here to b'd.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 30 Hard frost this m'g - pleas't, flying clds - wind  
 N.W. Early in the m'g got in the stove - Finished  
 cid. mill repairs - 13 bhls lady finger potatoes were dug & carried on  
 - threshed ab't 8 bhls wheat.

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Sept 1823 We kept a Connecticut drover & his assistant with 60 hd of cattle - was  
 informed his name was Hull - imperious & coarse - could pass I suppose  
 Conn't for a sharper - no smooth side belonged to him - perhaps aged about 35,  
 Drover. middle size, red complexion. Mrs Street, Mrs Waters and young Nathanie  
 Company. lodged here.

Winter WEDNESDAY, OCT. 1 Very fine & warm - we put up more than 30 bhls app'  
 apples. for wint. making all 42 bhls. Gathered bush beans  
 in the garden. Mrs Street, Mrs P. Waters & wid. Pickett visited here  
 Company. this P.M. Mrs Pickett wanted to buy apples.

THURSDAY, OCT. 2 Extremely fine - very warm & dusty - many meadows  
 looked as if fire had run thro' them - joined our  
 company at a late hour, past 9, to go through Regimen'l maneuvers this  
 day p - a long time parading - got into the field towards 12 - had pray  
 ers by Mr Peters - were reviewed by gen'l Hopkins - curs@rily inspected







Reviewing by the Inspector. Henry Rob., Col. performed well. G. Blackmer, Lieut Col., Jacob Huntington, Maj., J. Hicks, Jr Adjutant, F. Blackmer Serg't Major - The field was S. of Collers - S.E. of the woods this side old Mr Scott's - Our Company, commanded by Jed Dewey, took its place on the left - Shaftsbury Infantry, which was extremely small was posted beyond us on the left wing - My comrades were S. Hathaway - Hubbard on my right - J. Martindale my file leader - J. Murphy on his right.

FRIDAY, OCT. 3 Fine and very warm. Chiefly engaged about apples.  
Mrs Saff'd Sold to J. Murphy 10 bbls apples for 1/0 pr bhl -  
he paid me \$1 handsome Albany bill and a basket at 2/3 tow'd the same.  
Wid. Wat. Wid. A. Waters, Miss Sally Taylor & Nathaniel Waters started for home  
C. Brown this morning. Paid C. Brown this evening tow'd schooling \$1.34

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Oct. 1823 SATURDAY, OCT 4 Signs of rain - cldy some - very warm - Visited Al-  
giers early in the day - had waggon mended a little  
A. Norton at J. Norton & Sons - horse shod before at Aaron's by Marvin Bates -  
agreed to have L. Norton come & work for us again - Paid the money rec'd  
Safford of Murphy to Mrs Safford tow'd Saddle, which including 22-1/2 lbs chees  
Drovers. at 0/6 already pd am't to nearly \$3. Charged the drovers (Oct. 1) 75"  
for victuals & lodging 37-1/2" for horse keeping and 12 qts oats -  
would allow but 2" a head for keeping cattle - the whole came to \$2.32,  
but they, I suspect from design, could not make it nearer than \$2.25.  
C. Bisbee Mr Importance said that was nigh enough. On Friday P.M. C. Bisbee rec'd  
of us 4 fat sheep, agreed to pay according to weight. This morning got  
H. Hull harness mended at B. Squires by H. Hull tow'd debt contracted in May last  
- only a slight job - told while so engaged of his living while young  
in Pomfret, C't where he visited Putnam's cave.

SUNDAY, OCT. 5 Great heat for the season - grew cool after part of  
the day - flying clds W. S - rained moderately at  
H. Debar. night. Wrote a letter to H. Debar, Troy, to hasten his return here for we  
calculated to make nearly 200 hbs of cider. So engaged writing could  
not get time to shave.

MONDAY, OCT. 6 Cold m'g - cold through the day - good for business  
Drew 4 lds app's from the young orch'd - L. Norton  
Mrs began to work here. (Assisted the ladies at turning) Conveyed to Mrs  
Safford Capt Safford this eve'g 72-1/2 lbs cheese, early made, to go tow'd side  
saddle. Spoke to A. Norton ab't repairing waggon - got the newspaper  
J. Murphy and came home. Luman assisted me. J. Murphy bo't, or rather carried to  
his house 2 bush app's - due tow'd them 63" - payable at call - Murphy  
ent to Lennox Furnace.

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Oct. 1823 TUESDAY, OCT. 7 Very fine but cool at times - damp wind from S.E. -  
We bro't down 10 lds app's from the y'g orch'd -  
were assisted by Sam., Nathan, Hehry & Edwin Robinson and Chas Brown.  
Orchard A. Nort. sent his boy Cal over to pick sauce & other apples. Visited  
Robinson J. Rog. at night.  
boys.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 8 Damp S.W. wind - cldy - app'd like rain at night.  
Got 5 lds more of apples from the same orchard -  
A. Norton C. Br'n assisted O Sent Justin & Luman to A. Norton's with 20 bbls apple  
apples. to go for blacksmithing - Marvin Bates & C. Norton gath'd them. Father  
& I amused ourselves drawing in heaps of unhusked corn.







THURSDAY, OCT. 9 Damp glying clds from SW expected rain. By the sam same hands 4 lds apps were gath'd in the yg orch'd.

C.Bisbee Bisbee early this mg rec'd a calf which weighed 22 lbs a quarter - sent Justin up at night to about killing pigs on the morrow. Arrived from

Stone & Litchfield S.Farms Josiah Stone & lady and G.Smedley & lady in pretty - felt pleased at their coming but was much mortified on acc't of having on a long beard.

FRIDAY, OCT. 10 Raw high wind from N.W., fly'g clds & a litt. rain.

Cider Made cider along with Justin - ground 130 bhls apps coarsely. J.Rog. this morning butch'd a sheep which weighed about 58 lbs including tallow in the rough 7 lbs - he also, assisted by friend

Fatted Smed., butch'd those 3 three pigs bo't June 23rd - handsomely dressed pigs. them & took a ride. After the pork had hung as much as 4 hours it weighed 302 lbs which at the price agreed on amt'd to \$15.10 - Had to send Luman twice to Dexter's for the gr't steelyards, which at last he didn't seal - pronouncing the great side true - the other side varied 3/4 of a lb in a hund.

SATURDAY, OCT. 11 Flying clds - high chill wind from N.W. By assist-  
ance of Sam Jr., Nathaniel & Hen. Robinson the young

Rob. boys orchard was cleared, having produced about 700 bhls cider apps beside a good many for winter and sauce. Charles Norton rec'd 8 bhls apps for

Yg orchd wint. at 1/0. E.Waters had 12 more - both quantities were charged at the above rate.

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Oct. 1823 Friend C.Brown after due examination according to my direction reported that the notes due against B.Harwood & son amounted on the face to \$258.38 - there had been some endorsements - after deducting which

List of notes. there would fall due Dec. 1 1823 \$226.30" Of this to Dr Swift includ- ing one company note there would be due \$214.44".

H.Debar. Arrived this day from Troy in good health our good friends Henry Debar and Jo Hand. The former bro't with him \$25.00 in Troy money that he

Jo. Hand. had saved out of his summer's wages in a brick yard at \$10. pr month, of which deposited in my hands \$20. till next spring without exacting usury. The latter had made great improvement in shoemaking at Troy.

C.Brown Conn't C.Brown this week worked for us 4 days. Our Connecticut relatives had to amuse themselves as best they could without my company - indeed busi- ness was so great that I could not without injury to our interest oblig them with it. I felt pleased with their visit, but found myself more than usually barren of subjects to converse upon when I had opportunity to be with them - I have not time to reason upon the causes - one of which is surely want of information. Gen Kellogg and his son Sam'l

Ben Kellogg. returning from their tour to the S.E. part of Connecticut including a trip of Sam's to Saggharbor - gave us a short but friendly call - put up for the night at Mr C.Cushman's.

SUNDAY, OCT. 12 Unpleasant - cloudy, raw & chilly - wind N.W. With

P.Barber Miss Barber whose term of service had expired for which she rec'd pay in full \$14. for 16 weeks making cheese & spinning - rode to Worthington's Hotel in Petersburg and left her enjoying the society of a lively family in a great unfinished mansion in the lower kitchen by a lukewarm stove - sat a moment and then cleared for home which I reached ere night - called to see Spencer about getting some work done - said it should be executed shortly - we were all together at Parson's - disturbed only by the presence of Mrs Boothe. Parsons, Stone, Smedley & ladies, myself, Sally & Dama were present.







Oct. 1823 MONDAY, OCT. 13 Some rainy from S.W. - tow'd eve'g wind changed to N.W. - showered accompanied with hail & thund'r. The barn floor was cleared of husks as well as corn. Henry & Justin made cider - 2 lods were carried to N's still. H. & J. visited town at night by whom I sent \$10 to F. Blackmer & Co and alike sum to Dr Swift credited on my store book - at the former store took up on my acc't 1 lb tea 75" & a good broom for 20". Friend Stone & I this P.M. discoursed about the W. Indies &c. Eve'g the Conn't folks were at J. Rog's where they had spent the P.M., Mrs P. being of the party, but at night would go home fearing to leave her children to themselves - he husband associated with them at Jon's - card playing and music formed the chief amusement's.

TUESDAY, OCT. 14 High flying clds from N.W. cold & chilly - Our relatives from Conn't took leave of us this morning to go home by way of Greenville, N.Y. in order to visit Mr Jarvis Stone & family. We husked corn in the field at the heap - 2 loads cider were carried to the still - say 1 hhd & 5 bbls. Weighed off this eve'g 1312 lbs cheese in consequence of being informed on Sunday eve'g by Mr Austin Harmon Jun & Capt L. Sherwood that they had agreed to let a Mr Cheesebro of Adams take their dairies to N.Y. & sell as agent for them and others - we became parties to the same agreement - weighed 37 double curds to make up the above quantity. J. Rog's rode to L. Staunton's Pown'l to obtain his note against Ab'm Dimmick which he expected would have been left there by Benjamin Staunton but unluckily the man had gone home with it in his pocket.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 15 A very frosty morning so as to make considerable ice. - fine for business. Bet off for Mr Harmon's on foot this morning ab't 9 o'clock - called a few moments to view Mr Vails' cidermill erected under an old house formerly owned by Mr A. Haynes - talked with Mr V. a short time in a friendly way.

Oct 1823 Waited at Harmon's a good while for the arrival of Mr Cheesebro - Viewed Mr H's dairy which was very fine - perhaps the largest & finest in the County - the people, and among the rest Capt Sherwood, were employed in dressing a beef setting hoops &c - after sometime our quaker agent and his son drove up and immediately began to pack cheese, weigh &c., - mark the casks - of which Mr H. had bro't from Adams 77 at 2 lds on Tuesday furnished by Mr Cheesebro. I was anxious to know what course to take; if there were enough casks for Harmon, Sherwood, Dimmick &c why then I could have what they should leave - if not - should be obliged to go to Adams for them - left it with C. to call, view the dairy and report concerning the casks. Left H's between 12 & 1 P.M. - at Scott's hill Bisbee overtook & asked me to ride with him - accepted the offer thankfully. By had been buying app's for sauce at 1/0. At Dr S's store bo't trimmings for door & other light articles - Dr S. gone to N.Y.  $\frac{3}{4}$  Saw Rexf'd Whittum who deemed to be treated. At Spencers' recd my boots well mended. Two lds cider were carried to the still - 269 ga - same as on the 14th. Litt Heman Robinson assisted at gathering app's

THURSDAY, OCT. 16 Hazy, wind S., rather chilly, rained moderately just at night. Several lods of app's were picked - assisted by Nath., Hen., Ed. & Heman Robinson. Hen & myself drew in unhusked corn with oxen & sled. Mr Cheesebro & son visited us and inspected our cheese which they pronounced good - informed us in some measure how the business was to be executed & conjectured that we might realize 6-1/2 doll's pr hund. for the cheese - the terms of his agency







Harmon were 50" pr hund - they said there were spare casks for us at Harmon's - rode there in doub.wagg - found Mr H. and family milking a herd of 46 cows - of which 18 were heifers - had milked 50

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Oct Brought away 7 casks - 3 eighteen inch, one 17 & 2 sixteen, all except th  
1823 the last, too large for my use - Mr H. very generously refused taking pay for trouble in transporting sd property from Adams - saying I might do as much for him or somebody else - Reckoned his own dairy at nine thousand & that of his tenant in the James Clark place at four thousand weight - carried to Mr. Pickett this evening 8 bhls apples - charged 9/0 to be endorsed on the Swift & Pickett note. P.386. Our boys husked corn at Browns

FRIDAY, OCT. 17 Chilly, flying clds from N.W. - Packing cheese, mak-  
Cid.to Still ing & carrying cider to the still made up the chief of this day's business. Henry carried his two loads as usual - 264 gs  
L.Norton On an errand visited Capt N. at the still where the aged Esq Noble came who has seen his 5th generation; & Luman at his shop where I saw his journeyman with his wife & child. Went to town to borrow steelyds - visited H.Swift's, Judge Fay's, Fassett's & Bisbee's - at this last place rec'd tow'd sheep \$2. - at last got a good pair of steelyards of Capt Hicks which I found at Is'h Robinsons' - Bisbee got some displeas ed with Col Merrill at Fassett's - went out without saying a word - Capt D. Robinson & lady in their kitchen said they would receive 60 lbs butter on their contract.

SATURDAY, OCT. 18 A great & tedious snow storm from N.W. visited this  
Snow storm. country - the snow began to fall early in the day & it continued descending more or less till late P.M. - we might say I suppose in truth that in open pasture grounds it lay more than six  
Snow. inches deep. Asssisted by Mr Kent weighed 1428 lbs cheese exclusive of 160 lbs tare of casks - weighed other cheese on hand 535 which added to  
Cheese 76 lbs sold and the quantity mentioned above made a total of 2039 lbs exclusive of more than 100 lbs used in the family and otherwise dispos ed of. Commenced making cheese

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Oct on the 2d of June at which period our cows had not come in by several  
1823 in number & up to the pres't time have had one or more calves to fat every month - so that we do not think our 16 cows including two young heifers worth more in the dairy than 10 pretty good ones - nor did we milk that number (16) more than once or twice during the season - all things considered we think we have done tolerably well. We visited and found our sheep and young cattle in good plight comfortably situated in their pastures. Foddrred our cows, oxen & horses regularly at night. Got the litt. stove into the milkroom, began in earnest to make butter. Our boys, Henry, Justin and Luman husked corn, but not spiritedly on account of cold - toward even'g they took a cutter-ride to Capt Hick's to return the borrowed steelyards. We had a tedious time at milking, but were encouraged by getting a rich supply of milk - Our No. was 14  
Cows.

SUNDAY, OCT. 19 Cold snowy frozen morning, cloudy early in the day - after which it was pleas't but chilly - Wrote Journ al out pretty full - several persons from this family went to meeting -  
B.Loomis Bliss Loomis here this eve'g.

MONDAY, OCT. 20 Tolerably pleas't, warmish, wd S. - snow not all off Father & I rigged & loaded wagg for Troy - attended







Butter to some other aff'rs. Henry & Just. made cider. In the eve'g visited town to see about butter. Fassett said he'd have from 40 to 50 lbs - Clark from 70 to 100 lbs - the former to give me as much as he should pay Mr Harmon - and the latter as much as the former.

TUESDAY, OCT. 21 Rather chilly - wind S.W. - cldy, expected rain.  
Expedition Started ab't sunrise for Troy - Beyond the Four  
Troy. corners fell in company with a Mr Jason Wood who was on horse back - being on his return from driving a very fine bull 5 yrs old weighing alive ab't 1600mlbs, to his owner E. of the G.Mountain - the proceeds of his services this season had been 61 or 62 dollars for as many cows half of which went to him according to agreement.

Oct. In Shingle Hollow overtook young Lawrence with loaded wagg - Left him &  
1823 arrived at Wadsworth's a little past 11. Just before leaving there J. Norton and others drove up. Not far from Tomhannock hill rec'd a young Irishman passenger on board - calling himself Truesdel - left Ireland sometime last spring - went by Lansingburgh - halted to view the great sloop lock & dam - Several people were present - two boats were within the lock - saw the whole operation of letting them through - they were formerly Mohawk boats, which were now transferred to the Canal a young lady passenger was said to be a professional prostitute. By sunset got into Troy - delivered my load at Jacob Merritt's - Mr Cheesebro present - took a receipt of Mr Merritt's clerk for 7 casks of cheese - Bot there three bbls coarse salt - paid for it \$2.06" in full. Bo't of Mr J.Garey on cr 20-3/4 lbs soal & i side upp'r leather - the former \$5.19 the latter \$2.75" - paid \$1.50" for a handsome goatskin. Bo't of McEowen \$10 worth hoop iron at 9" pr lb - gave 31" for a broom at Dater's over against Dr Lymans'. Walked up to D.Merritt & Son to enquire ab't plast'r - found they were not doing anything at it at pres't - were repairing their mill - would soon be able to supply customers. A man came there & informed the clerk that on the other side of the river in the bason back of Washington village in his canal boat had bro't 800 bbls wheat for D.M.& Son - with this man I crossed over to view the canal craft - his boat was ab't 80 feet in length - having a l'd of ab't 30 tons - grain, hops &c. from Cayuga Lake - Having viewed the boats enough hearing a fife at a little distance the sound drew me to a half finished joiners shop where I played a few pieces and talked with a young man who had worked considerably in Bennington & Shaftsbury - knew H.Waters' & others. Tried in vain to get lodged in the village - they were all full. Returned to Troy and slept at the lower tavern in W. St Ten at night or I might say past 11 it rained considerably - wind S.E.

Oct. WEDNESDAY, OCT. 22 Chilly, wind pretty brisk from N. - cloudy - Viewed  
1823 the red mill - saw several sloops under way for N.Y  
Left Troy between 8 & 9 in the mg - Met Mr Harmon & teams on the hill beyond Pittstown meeting-house - At Wadsworth's saw a handsome set of young artillerist's assembled for exercised - their six pounder was bro't on the ground before I came away. Mr W. told his age to a man that I took to be John Henry - would be 53 early in Dec'r - Mr H. some older. My friend J. Wood rode with me from W's to his house at the foot of Potter Hill. Got home without much trouble about the end of the day.

THURSDAY, OCT. 23 Dim, smoky day - wind S.W. - expected rain. With  
Flax ta- fath'r gathered app's in the Clark (young) orchard  
ken up. which was completed - Henry & Justin made cider assisted by Luman - Toward eve'g took up and placed away the flax 165 bundles assisted by







Drawing- N. & Hemen Robinson. P.M. sent Luman with bullocks to assist in draw-  
 bee. ing an office built by Judge Brush standing nearly opposite to V.D. Spei  
 Birth day.gles, to the N.end of A.Robinson's house. Was this day 35 years of age

FRIDAY, OCT. 24 Rather blue A.M. - more mild P.M. Chilly & cldy -  
 Cider to wind N. A quantity of corn in the barn was husked  
 still. 3 lds of cider carried to the still - 2 hhds & 6 bbls. Sally & Dama  
 Dama to went to Professor Dewey's in Williamstown with L. Clark where they left  
 Wmst'n her - Mrs D. much out of health - Had now carr'd ab't 87 bbls cid. to  
 the still.

SATURDAY, OCT. 25 A most uncomfortable storm of snow & rain came on  
 Snow storm from the E., held on through the day - The boys work  
 ed at the barn - We got up hhds out of the cellar to prepare for stor-  
 J.Rog's ing our yrs supply - carried vinegar to Jona's &c. J.Rogers' made a  
 settlement with Ab Brown - felt dissatisfied because by keeping fair  
 debt & credit he lost the chance of keeping an am't of \$5. which B. had  
 omitted through negligence to charge - John Doty put in here with his  
 horse ab't noon to shelter himself from the storm - about that time it  
 Goods thundered heavily. H.Debar visited F.Blackmer's store this eve'g.

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Oct. SUNDAY, OCT. 26 Severe, blowing, cldy, muddy, blue & at night freezing  
 1823 weather - wind N.W. Too tough to admit of anyone  
 Snow. going in any comfortable manner from this mansion to meeting. John  
 H.Waters Doty 2nd left for Adams about 9 this morning. Hiram Waters paid our  
 folks a visit this day morning. Bad storm for cattle. Covered apples  
 at the cid. mill against frost.

MONDAY, OCT. 27 Raw & chilly - wind N. - grass filled with snow -  
 about 1 P.M. began to rain smartly - continued more  
 or less till nearly night. Our boys ground and laid up a cheese of 150  
 bhls apples - 1 ld of cider - 114 gs - carried to N's still. We drew  
 in corn from the field until after it began to rain - Mr Kent paid us a  
 visit.

TUESDAY, OCT. 28 Dark clouds which came low down the sides of the  
 mountains and these were mostly covered with snow -  
 Sunshine rained a little - 4 days since the sun had been seen in this part of  
 the country - Corn was husked in the barn - 2 hhds cider carried to the  
 still - 119, 114 gls - Cart fixed at Chandler's - Luman went to mill  
 with 2 bhls rye for C.Brown, got mare shod at his father's - P.M. I  
 went to Walbridge's left grist of corn to be ground while 2 rolls of  
 Hinsdill woolen cloth were carried to Hinsdill's to be dressed - might be had in  
 Walbridge a fort't or 3 weeks - Returned to Walbr'gs - saw them making paper in  
 the pap'r mill - corn being ground came on my way back to the printing  
 Merrill O. - Visited Col M., - he agreed to have cider of Justin. Rec'd at  
 Death of Fassett's a small cask to fill with butter. At the Post Office rec'd  
 R B Stone a letter from our friend in N.Branford informing that on the 10th inst  
 Mr Rufus Butler Stone departed this life in ab't the 48th yr of his  
 C.Brown. age. For 4 days labor and 34" cash due tow'd schooling let Chas Brown  
 have 2 bhls rye & 1 of corn which we got ground for him in the bargain.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 29 Pretty cldy - wind N. - the sun shewed hmslf in  
 the mid. part of the day much to our satisfaction.  
 Henry & Justin made cider. I carried to still the Bill Norton hhd -  
 Still. 122 gls filled with cider - Capt N. ran the still & fr'd John assisted  
 in unloading. Jer Eldred Bro't a l'd in a wag'n of 6 bbls - At home  
 (1 hr) smoked hhd with brim-







Oct. 1823 stone - 11 bbls of cider was run into the cellar where it filled 3 hhds  
Perused Payne's Geography in the eve'g concerning the Phillipine Island &c.

Cold. THURSDAY, OCT. 30 Cold,freezing morn'g - wind harsh from N.W. till noon - then grew more mild. P.M.Midl'g pleas't - flying clds - Cornfield cleared - P.M. gath'd app's & had cid. taken care of at the press - Eve'g boys went to town - Sally, myself & Dama  
Spencer. visited at Spencer(s - settled acc'ts with Spencer - mine am'td to \$ 5.88" - his to \$4.16" - took a Duebill for the balance \$1.72". For  
Hired-labor. hired lab'r this seas'n our bill am'td to between ninety and one hundred dollars - payable mostly in cash.

FRIDAY, OCT. 31 Fine nice day - wind N.W. Boys made cider - we fixed casks by rinsing, liming & smoking - went to Brown's to see about geese, which afterwards found at home - agreed with B. to fill 2 hhds with cider for him at our press for which he was to do the same for us at the still. We finished gathering fruit for Kent. this season in the N. orch'd. Kent, who had had our 1 h wag'n to mill, assisted rather more than an hour. Henry finished running cider into the cellar, of which the am't was 22 bbls in 5 hhds & 1 pipe - he also in the eve'g gallanted J.Rog's lady to town and returned with empty cid casks to be filled for Merrill and D. Clark. The boys gr'd 150 bhls app's this day.

SATURDAY, NOV. 1 Wind ' low clds from S. or S.E. - damp air - rained fast in the eve'g. Corn was husked at the barn.  
Merrill. P.M. J.Martindale carried Merrill's hhd of cider to him containing 121  
Martin- gs on his own acc't - losing his half day - the cider going towards the  
dale. 14 gs cid. brandy which he was to receive in p't for his 7 months work here - he rec'd 2 more bbls of M. to fill in the same way - to have \$6 cash for the whole payable in Dec'r or January. We rec'd a cid. hhd this eve'g of A. Brown which he borrowed of us in 1821 - it was well  
Dr H.Swifthooped but monstrosly musty. Sally rec'd surgical advise of Dr H. Swift this day respecting a very sore finger on her left hand. Justin  
Fassett- carried to H.H.Fassett a cask containing 36 lb butter & a pail of the  
Robinson same to D.Robinson Jun'r having in it 18-1/2 lbs. The boys celebrated  
butter. at the shop this dark night.

Nov. 1823 SUNDAY, NOV. 2 Early in the day snowed - P.M. very pleas't - chill freezing- wind N.W. Wrote as usual. Brown's cat  
Brown. tle broke into the N.meadow - confined them in the milking yard assiste  
Hopkins. by friend Parsons - Read the 'Life of Fox' some. Hopkins' finger, the least on his left hand got badly pinched in the chamber door E. side  
Montague. the kitchen. S.Robinson, Sen'r & Jun'r, Montague & Bates paid us a visit this eve'g.

MONDAY, NOV. 3 Blue chill flying clds from N.W. The boys ground a cheese of 150 bhls - We drew a load of wood from gen. Robinson's woods for fr'd Parsons. Judge Fay sent his hired man & rec'd a hhd of cider mwasuring 115 gs - we called the price \$3.50" - Wrote this morning a letter for J.Rogers to Benj. Staunton, Spafford, N.Y., to forward a note which he had in his possession, given by Abel Dimmick 2d in favor of J.Rog. - P. 366. Jonathan carried cloth to be dressed at Hinsdill's. Mrs Dickinson wove for my lady ab't 44 yds cotton cloth - had paid tow'd it a goatskin morocco - good - \$1.50" Cha's Norton bo't of Mother 6 yds woolen cloth undressed at 50" - he







With'll  
Calf.

offered to pay for it out of a \$5. bill, but we could not change it - said he'd bring the money over in a day or two - a day or two passed away - No Cha's, no money - Wrote a letter to send to Mr Witherell at Lenox Furnace to make me a branding iron - with "H.Harwood" imprinted thereon - Began to wean a calf 6 weeks old - Kent's putting a piece of L'd into a keg must not be forgotten of him this m'g - Within ten days C. norton p'd s'd money in full

Montague  
Clark  
Merrill

TUESDAY, NOV. 4 Mild m'g - wind fresh & chilly from S.W. Before night blew hard from N.W. Corn was husked & cider carried off - hhd containing 124 gs & 4 bbls to E.Montague - 2 to Merrill for Justin and 2 to Clark on my own acc't - Walker came along and assisted me in unloading Merrill's cider - shewing a mode of lifting out

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D.Rob'n  
J.Rogers  
Conn't

out a bbl different from any I was before acquainted with. S.Clark being at home assisted in un-loading his brother's cider - Darius absent at New York. Entered a letter from J.Rogers to B. Staunton - paid the postage for him 18-3/4". Capt D.Robinson seemed much alarmed at the growing extravagance of the times. Eve'g read papers. J.Rogers and his lady this morning started for Branford, Conn.

Kent &  
Parsons  
L.Norton  
E.Fay, Jr

WEDNESDAY, NOV..5 Very fine morning, dlying clds - chill N.W. w'd. Henry & Justin made cider for Kent & Parsons - 26 bbls for the former and 76 for the latter - yielded nearly 10-1/2 bbls - 1 hhd of cider carried to N's still - Husking and getting in garden sauce went on - Boys at night went to Algiers - Luman rec'd towards his work 8 yds white flannel at 50" pr yard. Henry carried to the new Woolen Factory 3-3/4 for himself of the same to be dressed there - to be paid in produce. Eve'g pared app's - E.Fay Jun'r paid us a friendly visit - had one of his boys with him.

Thatcher  
G.Olin Jr  
F.Hill's  
wood lot.  
C.  
Doolittle  
Pork.

THURSDAY, NOV. 6 Cold mg - ponds &c frozen over, cliudy - at night came on slow storm of hail & round snow. Assisted awhile at husking and then started on a tramp about town - Reached Safford's mill pond by way of Lieut Saff'ds woods S. of Algiers. At S. Safford's found Bisbee tzkling with uncle Sam'l concerning hard times over a caldron of boiling soap. Called at C.Thatcher's to see Miss Thompson - she was not there. Saw this side S. Safford's bridge, Mr Olin - agreed to let him 2 bbls cider for lumber - he promised me stuff suitable for the construction of a loom - At Capt Hill's saw Laura, B. H's lady - Visited Turner's to inquire for that parcel of which I carried there about the 17th of Sept - but it could not be found. Turner, his wife & 2 men were at dinner - Wanted to see Ballard, but he had not arrived from Troy. Marched on to the hill - at the Printing Office borrowed of Mr Doolittle Blair's little book on Arts and Sciences - found it to be good - Found that 4-1/2 dressed the highest price for pork.

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1823  
Blackmer  
& Co.,  
Sherw'ds

At H.H.Fassett's rec'd in full for 36 lbs butter \$6. Saw there S.Fay & J.Robinson. Bo't at Dr Swift's 1/2 lb pearl-ash & 2 do brown sugar - the former 8", the latter 25" on cr. Paid F.Blackmer & Co tow'd debt \$3.36" and for J.Martindale \$1.64" This eve'g altho' stormy visited Mr L.Sherw'd and family - found all in pretty good health - Lyman was among them - arrived from Union College on Tuesday, if I mistake not - We talked of various subjects, including "Hardtimes". My mare unluckily in breaking away from where I tied her destroyed a forward waggon stake.







FRIDAY, NOV. 7 Our slow snow storm continued till past nine in the morning - chilly-cldy & unpleas't through the day. Came from Capt Sherwood's before breakfast after viewing his fat hogs which were in fine condition 8 in number. Beyond E. Young's met capt Upham and his son Lewis walking up from the brook towards their house. A few rods this side Y's met Bisbee in his cov'd waggon & rec'd of him \$2. tow'd debt. At the P.O. rec'd from uncle Clark a letter dated at Rutland Nov 4 1823 - doing well every way except in the article of bed-clothing about which he wished assistance. The boys ground the last of our apples meaning 170 bbls, Eight bbls & 24 gals were carried to N's still making in all carried there since the first made the present season 110-3/4 bbls which including a bbl of old cid. delivered there on the 5th of May would give us 220 odd g's brandy - the whole quantity of cider made from our fruit amounted to 169 bbls of which 33-1/2 were set sold - raised but little cash - all went at \$1. except 6 bbls disposed of at the still to F. Blackmer & Co - for which rec'd a pair of rose blankets \$4.50" - a bargain made on the 10th inst. Sold 86 bbls app's at 1/0 - and rec'd very little cash in that way - went mostly to our mechanics - am't of app's & cider sold would be about \$35.50" for cid. \$14.33" for app's - in all \$49.83" Perused a few lines by way of improvem't # Calculated afterward s that it was about 170 bbls.

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Nov. 1823 SATURDAY, NOV. 8 Hard frozen this morning - wd S. pleas't - Compleate husking corn - computed the quantity of s'd corn to be about 110 bbls - very good quality grown on 4 acres west of the barn. Corn. A hhd cider - 116 gs was sent to E. Montague by H. Debar; by the same Montague conveyance 1 bbl cider was forwarded D. Clark - At night I carried 2 bbl Olin to Chas Thatcher to be paid for by Miss Thompson at tayloring - which Thatcher was understood by her on Thursday the 6# - at P. Dewey's carried cloth Miss Thop son. and other materials and left them at Wid. Eldad Dewey's for my father's new coat - Carried 2 bbls cider to Mr Olin's while they were at supper. L. Norton Rturned L. Norton's with 3 bbls sweet apples to his father - the app's Wid. Hill to go in full for his 5 weeks work. Displeased Wid. Clara Hill very highly by not suffering her to ride on an uncomfortable load of cid. app's & butter &c. from Frank's down through Algiers - took in her budg et which she said she wanted to have left at Capt Hills' - mentioned it to her afterwards that I could leave it at A. Norton's - she followed on and called at Mr Olin's just as I was about unloading my cider - enquired for the budget and on being told where it was, she broke out into a violent passion - gave me a lesson in plain terms - back she posted to Nort's for the budget - refusing to be carried there in my waggon and when nearly against N's she blazed at me afresh which abswered for that night. Left at D. Robinson Jun's 19-1/2 lbs butter. Bo't at Frank's this night buttons, silk &c for making father's coat and at Blackmer Dr S'wift's 3 gs molasses at (3) 2/3.

SUNDAY, NOV. 9 Indian summer - warm & pleas't - Father being ill kept him from going to church - Cows were turned into the M. - too busy taking care of brandy, cider &c to write much. Wedding Wrote a letter to uncle C. Harwood. Josiah Warren Piereve was married to Miss Sylvia Green, daughter of W.G. - H. Waters here with his best great coat on.

MONDAY, NOV. 10 Smoky, cldy wind S.W. - rained at night - Henry wen went to work for Luman Norton - Justin to his father's to assist in getting forward with his work - Something was don done at the barn - Mr Bisbee bro't on his books & settled acc'ts with us - weight of 4 fat sheep's quarters 253 lbs - tallow rough - 41 lbs - lumped them off at \$12 - Pigs \$15.10" - Calf \$3.28" - total \$30.38" -







of which had p'd \$8. - balanced book by Due-Bill \$22.38" - Bargained for one of our largest hogs at \$5 per hund. Rode away with him to town - tried to bargain with E.Montagie at S.H.Blackmer's but he did not wish to buy. S.H.B. appeared to be much engaged in building - Entered letter, post paid, to C.Harw'd, Rutland. At Clark's saw many good books - Franklin's Works in which is a fac-similie of his handwriting. J.Hicks Borrowed steelyards of Capt Hicks' folks - Paid to John Hicks 20 cents for putting on trunk lock in the summer - Signed \$1 for singing school H.Waters - Kellogg presented the paper. H.Waters took down Fassett's sign to hang it so as to swing like a pendulum. Bo't of F.Blackmer & Co a pair of Dutch blankets to be paid for in cider delivered at Nort's still at 75" pr bbl - price of blankets \$4.50"

TUESDAY, NOV. 11 Rainy, foggy in the mg - grew cold all day - snowed some - pretty unpleas't - wind N.W. Mr J.Brooks Butch'g dressed our large hog before noon. Kent & Parsons assisted about scalding - father let the former have a load of wood & helped him get it - Parsons put water to his cider cheese. We threshed out 8-1/2 bbls corn Bisbee at night came after his pork - weighed 380 lbs - gave his note \$19.00" due in fifty days. B.Loomis paid us a visit this eve(g while we pared apples.

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Nov. 1823 WEDNESDAY, NOV. 12 Flying clds - wind N.W. warm at n't - Carried empty hhd to Norton's to be filled with high wines - Lu Norton's man & John were too busy in emptying theirs stone kiln to settle with me. Norman managed at the still - Mr Loomis call in a mom't - Saw Heus G.House there - took an empty bbl marked JNS instead of one of ours left there in Oct - at the cider-mill found another empty bbl with no mark on it - about as good as that left at the still - Nov 22 returned the former bbl at the place from whence I took it. At the cid.Mill P. Smith with another man was making cider - came home across lots - Some threshing & carting manure was attended to. In the eve'g walked with my lady to Spencer's to get pr shoes made for Adeline, borrowed blue painted bowl full of blown salt of Mrs Brown. Mr Spencer had engaged hay from Pow'l to be delivered at his barn for \$10 per ton. Before going to bed read some good things in Blair's Universal Instructor.

THURSDAY, NOV. 13 Ground slightly cov'd with snow, smart wind & clds from S.W. - then changed to N.W. - grew cold - fly'g angry clds - three bbls meslin threshed - Bro't fanning mill from Brown Grain. Brown much engaged at husking, or meant to be. Closed the day carting manure onto the medo' - Montague pr Smith his broth'r rec'd 3 bbls Kent. sweet apples for which charged 50" - Oct 28 rec'd back Kent's note, handed over to him May 26 1823 - no endorsement on it. Early this morning Lydia Mr Job Greene, Broadalbin, N.Y. was married, before breakfast, to Miss Jewett Lydia Jewett - an old school-mate of mine aged about 30 & of good repute married. Col Merrill tied the knot.

FRIDAY, NOV. 14 Most extremely chilly - wind S.W. - cldy - gr'd froze h'd - grew much milder as the day grew to a close - Carted manure till noon - P.M. father assisted Brown at picking corn - I went to mill with rye & corn - 2-1/2 bbls of the latter delivered to Rich'd Carpenter for Henry Debar to pay in bill full for making him a pr of pantaloons - Lydia to Sally rode with me as far as F.Blackmer & Co's - Bo't each a gown - crape & bombazet - the latter paid down in woolen cloth right from the loom - likewise in the same way bo't Bisbee some calico. Rec'd on due bill of C.Bisbee \$5. - Sally did go to Godfrey's in Algiers -







Nov. Carried to D. Robinson 22 lbs butter, making up to what he had rec'd to  
1823 60 lbs - with some little hesitation agreed to pay me for it \$10

SATURDAY, NOV. 15 Handsome mild morning - but the cold kept advancing all day - wind N.W.  $\frac{3}{4}$  quite cold at night. Shovel-  
ed manure till tow'd eve'g - What is related above concerning the gowns  
Gowns this day & got her gown as stated yesterday. Rec'd of D. Robinson Jun'r  
D. Robin- \$10 in full for butter which with the \$5. handed me on the 14th by Bis-  
son Jun'r bee paid to Dr Swift in person towards debt. Lewis K. Upham, a young  
Lewis man, aged about 28, with whom I had considerable acquaintance - very  
Upham. lively, enterprising & agreeable, unhappily came to his death by being  
Killed. accidentally shot through the body by Hiram Wallace - An irreparable  
loss to his parents, wife & two children. See My Jour'l Oct 1817 -  
First of my acquaintance in Oct. 1817.

SUNDAY, NOV. 16 Very cold, cldy & frozen. Attended to my usual con-  
cern - father visited church. The funeral of H.  
Armstrong was attended in the W. part of the town. T.C. Parsons, Brown,  
H. Arm- B. Loomis, uncle Kent, H. Waters, H. Debar & J. Martindale here this eve'g.  
strong. Hezekiah Armstrong - wrong.

MONDAY, NOV. 17 Cold & frozen, cldy - chill wind - N.W. Quite a  
pleas't moonlight night, but very cold. Got in som  
some potatoes which had been under the wag. shed - put away a bbl of  
J. Martin- cid. down cell'r. P.M. we attended to manure - Justin here but did not  
dale. work - spent his day in town. Spent the day at Capt. N's very agreea-  
bly - played the flute - an amusem't not often taken up in these days.  
Capt. Luman & John packed a load of ware bound to Berlin, N.Y. - Searls & dea-  
Norton. con E. Fay were pres't at the shop. John & I settled cider acc'ts -  
had carried to the still 110 bbls & 18 gallons - deducted therefrom 6  
Brandy bbls consigned to F.B. & Co - as talked of on the 10th inst - the re-  
acc'ts. mainder all due in brandy at 8 quarts pr bbl. Eliza & Lydia pres't.

TUESDAY, NOV. 18 Dry, frozen, search'g cold - flyg clds - Milder tow'd  
eve'g - fine moonlight night. Father & myself cart  
ed manure - Justin threshed spring wheat. Eve'g pared app's all hands.

Nov. WEDNESDAY, NOV. 19 Very chilly mg - wind S.W. flying clds - milder tow  
1823 tow'd eve'g. Manure from the chip yard was carried  
into the awampy parts of the S. mead'o - Justin assisted in carrying  
Martin- but one load & then being informed by Dr H. Swift of the alarming situa-  
dale. tion of his sister Lydia he went to W. Creek to give notice thereof to  
Dr Swift his sister at that place. The doct'r & I talked a few moments about th  
Spain. the late downfall of Liberty in Spain. J. Rog's with his wife & young  
Clarissa Stowe (14) arrived from C't in health.

THURSDAY, NOV. 20 Indian summer - quite mild, fine & smoky - wd S.  
Completed carting chip manure - tried that in the  
yard a little, but frozen too hard to admit of much being done - sent  
J. Rogers Justin to chopping & ourselves winnowed wheat - sold to J. Rogers a bbl  
D. Clark. of cider - payable by way of Brown in brandy. Rode to town, D. Clark  
Bisbee. had 18 lbs butter - called to get Money at Bisbee's, without success -  
gone to the River - Looked at Clark's books - among which were some  
Kellogg's very good ones. At friend Kellogg's, after talking a good while, bor-  
Milton, rowed Milton's Works and the Life of G.F. Cook of him - Forwarded to C.  
C. Harw'd Harwood as by him directed, two woolen chequered blankets partly worn -  
Dr Swift left them at Cushman's. Bo't at Dr Swift's 1-1/2 lbs tea - \$1.19" on  
credit.







FRIDAY, NOV. 21 Thick smoke, some cloudy I imagined which caused it to be pretty dark, or much darker than ordinary - gentle breeze from S.E. misty & rainy at night - mild. Father being out of health could do but little. Justin's father came down to have him go home on account of his sister, whose dissolution they hourly expected. By him forwarded orders to gentlemen Daniels & Gleason for what they rec'd on the 20th of May last. I visited Algiers - carried to Mrs Saff'd Mrs Persis Saff'd in paym't towards side-sadd. 10 lbs butter - the old Capt & his lady from appearances were getting their habitation to be very neat & convenient - carried 2 bbls smutty wheat to mill - returned as far as A. Norton's shop - left mare to be shod there - walked over to the new wool'n facto'y - examined it sometime - found it in a very unfortunate state.

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Nov. 1823 Visited Ballard's - the man not at home - talked some with Mr Allen who was down dressing skins - and the boys, who informed me that we had there 7 calf skins, all finished off, - my father & I after I came home reckoned up 8 carried there - supposed there might exist some mistake - found B. at uncle J's getting a horse cart ironed off, which they had so long been employed on that his patience was quite gone - returned to his house with me - examined his book from which it appeared that we were indebted to him in the am't of \$7.96 - shewed me the aforesaid skins which were elegantly finished, he seemed perfectly easy as to what was due - told him I should make final arrangements on bringing to him the hide of our fat cow. As I passed from B's tow'd A.N's shop viewed the machinery of L. Chandler Jun'r - very ingeniously & conveniently situated. Being arrived at my blacksmith's - work not done - started to go for the workman who had been to dinner - met him forthcoming - after waiting some time talking with ~~me~~ our old friend Godfrey - had I fore-shoe set by Marvin - came toward home as far as Hall's - borrowed another copy of Milton - bargained away half of I of our hogs - went to see Col M. to know if he'd have the remain'r - would let me know next day - returned home - bringing mother with me from E. Waters' - pretty good waggoning. Borrowed "History of the Late War" in Scripture style at Hall's by somebody in N. York City.

SATURDAY, NOV. 22 During Friday night much rain fell - frost coming out of the ground - grew cold all day - some stormy angry flying clds from N.W. At the still of J. Norton & Sons rec'd a hogshead of highwines - estimated at 150 gallons if reduced - contents of the hogshead 118 gallons - Friend Ayres being present assisted in tolling it into the cart - promised to treat him for it whenever he

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Nov. 1823 should call at our house. Norman managed the fire - Capt N. came there before I came away and agreed what to call the quantity of brandy rec'd Bates from Pownal happened in with a load of cider - many peo- in that quarter had much of that liquor yet to make. Left an empty bbl to be filled with brandy yet due. Called a few moments at Luman's shop - saw his new brick stove which appeared to answer a valuable purpose - took on board the District Scraper and came along the road accompanied & assisted by friend H. Dimmick who was going to town with a load of produce to pay debts with. Assisted by J. Rog's stored the hhd of brandy in the press office. Father being unwell went to mill - had horseshoeing done at A. Nort's - Early in the eve'g rode reluctantly to the Court House through mud & darkness to see if Col Merrill would buy our pork - found the office full of people hearing a cause between Tim Harvey & Heman Hall - concerning some money which the former lost at the late races -







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supposed to be taken by the latter - can state no particulars - only heard a part of S.H.Blackmer's plea in favor of Hall - The Col. was not determined what to do respecting the pork - talked of paying no sooner than March - Called at Bisbee's - had not arrived from Troy - Came home & read G.F.Cook to L. & Dama. Justin & Henry lodged with us.

Death of  
L.Martin-  
dale.

SUNDAY, NOV. 23 Clear & cold - wind keen from N.W. Busy writing - Father's bile on the back part of his neck disabled him from attending public worship - Miss Lydia Martindale died this day aged years - had been ill a long time. Justin here at night. Ground frozen & dry indeed. Bliss Loomis paid us a vis't. Much pestered with poor pens - Dont know how to make a good one.

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Acc'ts

H.Debar

J.Martin-  
dale.

Hinsdill

Dr Swift

MONDAY, NOV. 24 Clear, cold day - hobby - wind N.W. Father continue ill of his bile. Henry commenced working at Browns In the evening settled acc'ts with him - allowed him for 4 weeks labor \$8 - towards which had become accountable at D.Swift's in the sum of \$4 - paid in woolen cloth \$2.50", do R.Carpenter in corn \$1.25" - leaving due 25" - Justin rode one of our bays to Shaftsbury to engage elder Tinkham to preach his sister's funeral sermon - accomplished his design and at night went home. Prepared boards for building fence around two sides of the N. yard - P.M. accompanied by my lady to Mr S. Robinson's rode to Hinsdill's Factory - viewed all the cloth we had sent there this season - for dressing which charged \$5.29" - for carding \$4.12" - tot'l \$9.41". As I returned through town called to see Col Merrill who finally concluded to buy our pork at \$5 Sally bo't & paid for some small articles at Dr Swifts - At Mr Hinsdill's saw Smith Montague repairing a brick stove in the press room. In the eve'g read more of G.F.Cook. After our arrival from H's found that some yarn & stockings sent there to be coloured, through mistake, was missing - two days after it was bro't away - charge therefor 50" - in all \$9.91" - Pd p.544

S.H.B.

TUESDAY, NOV. 25 A rough storm of hail, rain & snow - or rather rain last came on about 9 in the morning from S.E. lasting till night more or less. North yard fence built - some attempts made to regulate affairs at the barn, but father's bile so disabled him that it was given up. Stuck closely to Cook this eve'g - Henry D. & S.H.Brown were here this morning - the latter wanted I should join him in taking the N.Y.Spectator - Declined on acc't of debts &c.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 26 Mild & thawing - very muddy - flying clds - from S. - Dark, foggy, & misty at night. While father & Dama were absent at the fulling mill, got some green & dry wood from open lots S. for scalding hogs.

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Dimmick

Judge Fay

Cloth sent  
S.Waters

Friend H.Dimmick being on his way to town to procure medicine for his wife, halted & talked a few moments - engaged to assist at butchering on the morrow - Returning home called again after dark - conversed spiritedly on the politicks of Bennington & Pow'l - praised Heman Robinson as Deputy Sheriff - said Capt Danforth of Pow'l was untrue to the Dem. cause - Old Sol W't shief spoke in the wheel toward the non-election of S. Fay as Sheriff - Liked their new minister, Elder Green, much - had a salary of only ab't \$200. It being dark & very muddy our f'd was furnished with a pony to carry him home - Judge Fay experienced epileptic fits. This day a roll of home-made red-flannel 7 yards - was deposited at the stage house, directed to Sophia Waters, Arlington, Vt - Price for dressing 1/0 - Much plagued this eve'g writing by candle-light with a bad pen - Justin M. was here a little while just before night - assisted some at charring - lodged with us & went home next morning.







Butcher-  
 ing.

Pork.

TGURSDAY, NOV. 27 Very foggy m'g - some rainy till past noon - P.M. wind came round N.W. - growing cold rapidly - low fog hanging about the mountains - clouds broke away towards & at night - very splashy & muddy - froze up hard at night. Four hogs of our own & 2 spring pigs belonging to J.Rog. were this day butchered & handsomely dressed by S.Robinson, H.Dimmick & Nathan Robinson - assisted by J. Rog. & H.Debar - Father and I were waiters. It was rather a bad day - scalded in the wagg. house - Uncle Sam. & friend D. kissed "Black Betty just enough to prevent their spirits from flagging - and now and then a lively joke or a ~~fat~~ fat anecdote made all things move easily & gaily along. Late P.M. the largest carcass weighing 403 lbs was about equally divided and according to contract sent to Merrill & Hall by J. Rog & H.Debar - at \$5 pr hund - the 3 others weighed thus - 280 - 300 - 309 lbs - total 889 - and the 2 big ones sold to Bisbee, M. & H. - 780 added thereto would make it 1669 lbs - then put on weight of 3 pigs - would make the whole am't to 1971 lbs. Jon's pigs filled his bbl - making ab't 300 lbs. See Oct. 10

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Our buthshers in the eve'g cut up pork at both houses - & to avoid the misfortune of last year we let the pieces lay over till next day that it might thoroughly cool before packing. The business of the day being all happily disposed of an hour before bedtime, the opportunity was improved in social conviviality - puns & anecdotes passed lively - fr'd D. related one of Burrow's adventures at Boston Castle &c. Our friend tarried over night - it being too dark, rough & tedious to think of going home. Amused myself some part of the eve'g with Cooke.

Debar.  
 Lym  
 Sherw'd

FRIDAY, NOV. 28 Very cold in the morning, nor did it moderate materially through the day - flying clds - roads all up edgewise - dry wd N.W. Father packed pork - and besides assisted H. Debar & I in getting out 10 loads manure - Henry's day went toward the completion of his 4 weeks. Lyman Sherwood rode here - staid awhile in the eve'g and then by solicitation went over with S. H. Brown and slept with him - to us he was a welcome guest - his father had this day gone to Troy with his pork - 8 carcasses which would yield ab't 32 hund - sold for \$4.37-1/2<sup>nd</sup> pr hund.

Cider mill  
 D.Clark  
 Cooper

SATURDAY, NOV. 29 Pleas't, dry & cold - ground frozen - firm - The cider mill was dissected & laid up & many other thing put in order for the approaching season. Visited town riding in the 1 horse wagg'n most uncomfortzably over the frozen adamant - causing the crazy vehicle to be in cruel agitation my horse going only on a slow walk. Sold 6 lbs butter to Rich'd Carpenter who paid down \$1 in full - & 18-1/2 do to D.Clark on ch't credit - Called at Bisbee's - gone abroa with meat - spent some time at C's bookstore looking over books & newspapers - among the former looked into Silliman's Tour to Quebec - a pleas't thing - Bro't home the Gazette for Dec'r 2 - borrowed a large Boston paper - came home - read my papers - observed the name of Cooper under the Theatrical head. Read Cooke. J.Rog. went ab'd looking up pigs.

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Paradise  
 Lost.  
 Wid.Cady  
 J.Martindale.

SUNDAY, NOV. 30 Hazy, cldy, calm & tolerably cold - main wd N. Tried to be pleased reading Milton's Paradise Lost - Too grim & ghastly. H.Debar & J.Martindale made it headquarters here as it is natural right that they should - Father & Lydia walked to church. Heard Mr P. in the desk - also the publishment of wid. Lyd. Cady, more than 40, to Mr Simeon Harwood aged about 24 or 25 - Paid J.Martindale Jun'r \$5.







Brown

MONDAY, DEC. 1st A frosty pleas't morning, mild, hazy day, wd N. At Mr Brown's this morning made a partial settlement of acc'ts, for those boards bo't May 29 je rec'd in full 9 quarts cid. brandy, and for 2-1/2 bbls cider, one which was delivered to J. Rog's Nov 20, rec'd an order drawn on J. Norton & Son for 5 galls brandy - signed Abraham Brown. Sat talking till father came over to have me assist him in carrying home P's big house ladder which being performed the N. side of the barn roof was partially patched - Returned the ladder - axes ground - assisted at chopping down some trees at that part of the ridge of rocks near which enters the N. brook to force its passage through.

J. Doty 2d

Left this work in good season. John Doty 2d of Pownal as a witness in attendance at Court in the cause of Hervey vs Hall - wanted occasionally to board here a few days - to which we assented. By him this eve'g sent for money - next day Doty told me that B. said I ought to have had it before, but could not, without borrowing, pay till the last of the week - Dama busy making hoods. Attentively examined the pages of G. F. Cooke.

Hoods.  
Cooke.

TUESDAY, DEC. 2 Cloudy - mountains rather powdered - sun obscured ab't all day - storm looked for - faired at night -

Wind S.E.  $\frac{3}{4}$  Mr Kent being invited came late to work after going first to bring his broad-axe from L. Jewett's - Butternut timber for eave-spouts was procured on which K. & father worked to the end of the day - the former having assisted in cutting it from the stump - Rode to town in 1 h wag - called at Merrill & Robin's - saw the Col. - viewed Map of France - Visited Clark's - examined books - rec'd \$3. in money. Bo't of Dr Swift on Cr 1 bhl fine

Dr Swift

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H. Debar

salt - 63" - 2 lbs nails 20" - & 1 lb chalk 6" - also bo't & paid for 9 blue edged dinner plates at 5-3/4 cents - paid this because the ladies by selling a pair of socks to H. Debar bro't him in their debt 50" -

Ayres

which answered so far towards paying him 73" borrowed cash. At the Dr saw S. Lawrence with his aged mother - Rich'd Wittum & others - on coming home was sent to Jewett's to get an adze, the property of Mr Hand - found the tool readily - saw Mr Ayres engaged with a youngster in threshing rye, as I thought - Mr Green past us with oxen and wagon as I came away - some coarse remarks were offered on the match between Mrs Cady

Jewett

& S. Harwood - the eldest son of our cousin Judah H. Neighbor Jew't I was told - and indeed I heard the firing of guns, was at his favorite sport, hunting in the woods S. of his house. Coming home called at Mr

Mrs Fay  
paid.

E. Fay 2nd to pay his lady for weaving 43 yds woolen cloth - at 0/6 - tot'l \$3.58" - deducting for the hood made by Dama for Ruth, left due \$3.20, which I paid in full - J. F. Billing being pres't & pronouncing my money good. In the eve'g read of Cooke's going to Philadelphia, Baltimore &c. T. C. Parsons' visited here - 12 hens killed for Thanksgiving.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 3 Fine & mild - cattle were delightfully feeding in our meadows - no need of hay - a great favor to

Kent

this vicinity. Oureavespots were finished & raised & put in lieu of others failing - fabrivated by Nath'l Waters in 1804 - under the eaves of the stoop & the west side of the house. Mr K. assisted until mid.

Brown.

P.M. and then his wife coming after him, went to Brown's to see about buying pork - thought him entitled to 1-1/2 days credit for this job - B. butchered his pork on Tuesday - some plagued to get salt - Sam wanted to hire our wagg'n (big one) to go to Troy - much startled at the mention of \$1 - finally he got me to say 75" - however he did not go as talked of - We regulated a spout in the home stable - Finished laying up the cid. mill - regulated other affairs - closed Cooke & passed the eve'g mostly at J. Rogers. Henry & Justin both here.







Dec'r 1823. This morning at J.Rog's shop paid H. Debar in full for everything except the money which he lent me early in Oct. p 463 -

THURSDAY, DEC. 4 Mild all the morning - and in truth it was so to Thanksgiving the end of the day - 3 P.M. sat in & rained all night. Father went to meeting & returned accompanied by Mr Loomis - Perused some of Par. Lost lll'd book - wrote Journal. Both branches of this family supped without any present other than themselves - H.Debar, J.Martindale Jun'r & J. Hand returned from a shooting match at R.Carpen ter's where they were successful and supped after ours was over. J.Rog and family took supper at Mr Godfrey's.

FRIDAY, DEC'r 5 Windy, high flying day - snowed round snow this morn Fodder ing - flying clds - wind N.W. Regularly foddered Debar & our cattle with corn stalks - Assisted by Justin & Henry, likewise em- Mart'le p,oying Brown's cart & oxen scraped & carried out from the milking yard Manure into the N'th mowing 14 loads good manure - The boys went to town at night - by them returned salt borrowed of Mrs Brown Nov ~~1st~~ 12 - In the eve'g read in Payne about the Solar System. Besides a part of the 4th Chapt of Par. Lost. John Doty staid here - H. Webster too - Parsons & B. Loomis visited this eve'g.

SATURDAY, DEC'R 6 Pretty cold in the morning - fair - a little thawy Towards eve'g wind blew fresh from S.W. - eve'g very rough. Hauled wood down from the place mentioned on the 1st inst. J.Martindale Jr chopped for us till about 3 p.M. - father assisted - Martin- Left work at about that hour & proposed for a visit in town - Before dale. getting away cousin Nathan Robinson with his sisters Polly & Emily drove up to pay us a Thanksgiving visit - Justin accompanied me to a little past Hick's - turned off to go into Hendryx's Taylor shop - Proceeded up the

Dec'r 1823 called to see Bisbee -mnot at home - Visited the Court chamber, heard some pleadings in a cause between Sanford & Baker of Stamford respect- ing an endorsement on a note - concluded it was of no great importance - a few moments satisfied me - as I left the room spoke with Judge Fay who said he was getting better in health - entered the P. office -saw cousin S.Robinson Jun'r - young Haswell found a letter for me marked 18-3/4 cents at Schoharie P.O. - disputed the postage - S.Clark came in & demanded only 12-1/2 which was paid - Opened my letter and found it N.R.Locke from my old friend N.R.Locke - did not read much in it - deferred the reading for the present - at the bookstore took down Silliman's Tour to Quebec - 1819 - read several pages, full of brilliant descriptions of the country, manners of the people &c. - to the Shaker Vill., New Leb - In the misst of my reading ,the jury entered the room, Mr D.Clark being one of them, ordered everybody out - I adjourned to the office Brown. where I sat as long as I wished to. Mr Brown being present and busy about a new publication which he shewed me - it appeared to be a med- ley of subjects, too numerous for me to mention - relating mostly to Grammar, Arithmetic and Latin - Without being, or thinking myself a fit judge of such things - pronounced it good. I remarked that there had been many attempts of that kind for the instruction of youth (from 7 to 12) - he replied that it was true, but none of them had gone deep enough as yet - Went to Fassett's - staid but a short time - coming out of the hall door met Judge Stephen Robinson who saluted me in very familiar style - do not think it condecension in him but appeared to flow from long acquaintance & fellow feeling. Went over to B's once more - not yet arrived - returned to Fassett's after having seen Col. M. in his office who promised me cash on Nonday.







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Wood  
Dixon.

Young Larribee of Pownal seemed to be there undergoing an examination by our friend Stephen R. respecting his personal affairs preparatory as I supposed to swearing out of jail. At Fassett's a good many Pownal people were present as well as a number from different parts of Bennington - among the latter were J. Ballard, D. Armstrong, S. Fay & young Isaax Wood - this last informed me of having rec'd a late letter from his cousin Barnet Dixon who was in good health - sent his particular compliments & respects to me & my family - bearing us in affectionate remembrance - returned thanks & corresponding sentiments through Mr W. to his cousin if he should write him soon - was much pleased at hearing from that singular genius - did n't know, till told by Wood, that he thought so much of his visits here in 1815 - 16 & 17, which he would mention with great unction in the Western forest while busied at his daily labor - W. having been with him two seasons in that country - Invited W. if ever D. should pay him a visit, to come with him to our house - Left at F's Dan Welch talking with an old Pownal smoker greatly to the entertainment of himself and another gentleman - marched to B's & found him at home - and after telling that he was quite unwell, ill success in collecting money & other every day affairs paid me \$6. which including \$0. rec'd by way of J. Rog. endorsed on the note \$7. Came away pretty contentedly - left the Life of G.E. Cooke at Cushman's for friend Kellogg - visited M. & R's - found cousin Uel conversing with Mr Grover (P. Furnace) and some other gent. who called on Col. - waited their absence very impatiently - Col. M. came in - at length they departed - I mentioned cash so as to have it understood that I should have it at a future day - U. said he could let me have \$5. - and I rec'd two bills as that sum - leaving the hill with a light step - animated with the idea of obtaining so much more with which to pay debts - Called in at F. Blackmer & Co where there were several of the neighboring young men present - Henry H., Aaron

Bisbee

Merrill

F. Black'r

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Cash pd  
F.B. & Co

D. Robinson & others - on handing over the two parcels of money above described - Frank counted \$12.00  $\frac{3}{4}$  I was surprised - had it counted once more - amounted to the same. In this kind of vacant awkward mood started for home - but so little convinced was I how this could happen that after walking over the frozen ground as far as the foot of Bliss' hill, turned short ab't - quickly measured the distance back to the store - had the money once again overhauled and fairly found that cousin Uel had paid me \$6. on Col Merrill's acc't tow'd pork - was asked to play the flute, but declined the performance on acc't of not being in the right mood - and at ab't 9 in the eve'g reached this old mansion. Perused carelessly Blair's Universal Preceptor, and before going to rest the beginning of N.R.L's letter. H. Debat, J. Martindale Jun'r and Jo. Hand lodged here.

Debar,  
Hand &  
J.M.Letter  
from N.R.  
Locke  
dated  
Sept 21  
1823

SUNDAY, DEC'r 7 Quite rainy from the S - unpleas't - Finished reading my friends very good letter from Pennsylvania, Several members of the Doty family were very unfortunate - some had left that part of the country & gone 200 to west p't of N.Y. State. Mrs Almira Stewart was in the last stages of a consumption. Mr Levi Smith formerly of this town had left that town (Choconut) for Berkshire N.Y. and bettered himself. Mr Benjamin Chamberlin once an inhabitant of this neighborhood & noted for a lawsuit with Mr J. House because he would not bring forward his books & make a fair settle't, had, 2 yrs since, paid nature's debt - The other parts of the letter were conceived in terms very friendly - calculated to revive the remembrance of former good days when we were boys together - Stated how good their crops were - rapid improvem't of the country &c.







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Sherw'd

H.D.

H.Waters

My employment was during the subsequent part of the day varies not from what is usual. L.Sherwood Jun'r along with S.H.Brown paid us a short & welcome visit. S.H.B. made a good pen. Justin visited his father in Pownal - returned at night - Henry was on his route to the S. but ret'd sooner than J. H.W. & T.C.P. P. were here as usual - Late in the ev' eve'g slept some - awoke - perused a few lines of Milton - 4th B'k.

MONDAY, DEC'R 8 Cold & freezing indeed, dry wind, flying clods from NW

The stables in the old barn were prepared for the cows & the floor of the north homestable taken up & replaced so as to raise the west end. Justin threshed oats. At night commenced Milton's 5th B'k - this growing dull, played the flute an hour over some 3 or 4 music books - H.Debar & J. Rog. both present. Wrote an order on J.Ballard, this morning pr J. Martindale, for soal & up&r Leath'r 1/2 side each.

TUESDAY, DEC'R 9 Searching S.E. wind - cloudy - began to snow - befor night - the ground frozen firm and extremely rough

Having disposed of affairs at the barn where our attention was now strongly demanded, more wood was snaked from that hill mentioned on Saturday - Mr Kent came over in want of wood - took some cider with him and then beyond the head of the upper brook assisted in picking up a load of scrawly dry butternut &c, conveyed in the cart. At night read a part of Book VI. P. Lost - and very agreeably spent an hour chatting with our good friend L. Sherwood Jun'r who lodged with us this night. S.H.Brown & B. Loomis were here some part of the eve'g. J.Roger's and S.H.B. made an unsuccessful offer to buy the big bay colt. Henry & Justin threshed oats together - went to Algiers at night, the latter took up on my acc't in leath'r to the am't of ab'y \$3.78"

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Presid't  
Message.

Oats.

Hoods.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 10 Clouds low & smooth, but little wind and that principally from S. if I mistake not - foggy on the mountains - a trifling snow fell at night - growing cold from N.W. - Father complained of ill-health - went P.M. to R. Carpenter's & had his every day loose coat & perhaps something more cut out. Brought Doolittle's paper home with him in which was the President's Message - a noble document - which in the eve'g I read with pleasure - besides pursuing Milton slowly through ~~the~~ his ethical flights - The boys finished threshing oats - I chopped down more trees on the hill mentioned page 487. Mrs D. came down & bespoke a hood for her daughter Amelia.

THURSDAY, DEC. 11 Fair & freezing - wind N.W. Turned fanning mill to winnow oats - we bro't to the house upward of 40

bhls. S.H.Brown informed me of the safe return of a counterfeit \$3. disputed bill spoken of page 450 - this goes hard against the grain, but there is no remedy - lose it I must. J.Rog. had a bill of the same amount come back upon him - Rec'd it from Abel Dimmick 2nd - and paid it to J.Ballard by whom it was returned to him - Mr B. told me had 26 cents pr lb for soal leather - consequently Martindale's bill there would be \$3.64" - Mr Safford came to work for J.Rogers at shoemaking. Lydia & Damia visited at E.Montagues' - Parsons made an important wag. trade with E.Waters which enabled him to make another with S.H.Brown - Sally accompanied Mrs P. this P.M. to Dr Swift's store - Mr Rog. this P.M. rec'd great company - Mrs Persis Nort., Mrs L.Squires, Mrs Baily, Mrs Whitney - Misses Ab. Godfrey  $\frac{3}{4}$  E. & L. Norton, besides Mrs Sherwood.







Dec'r 1823      FRIDAY, DEC. 12      A driving snowstorm came from S.E. as we thought - but it was not greet. Finished winnowing 69 bbls oats - had on hand 1 bbl - reckoned already consumed 10 more - whole am't 80 bbls from ab't 8 acres - light crop, but of good quality. Young Booth, brother of him that rec'd the disputed bill as stated p.450 rode down to have me pay for and take it up - could not do it for want there of - sent by him to have friend S.H.B. launch it for me - P.M. called in awhile at B's to know if he had done so - Ab. & his wife said that he had not. In the midst of the conversation Mrs B. sarcastically enquired if I had heard anything from our cheese? - made an indirect reply that we had plenty of company. At Brown's barn visited Henry & Justin who were threshing rye & agreed with them to assist at home about affair affairs at the barn while I should be absent at F.Blackmer & Co's - performed the jaunt on foot - borrowed of him \$3 and paid it to young Boothe in Mr Chandler's shop & rec'd my much talked of bill again. At Frank's one of the twin Crawford's was pretty drunk - F. had had difficulty with him. J. Rog. rec'd company - Mr Blackall & Jo Hand - brot brother snobs. Perused & was pleased with Milton's 8th B'k.

Flock.      SATURDAY, DEC. 13      Calm, some inclining to thaw - stormed a little moderately in the evening - flying clds fore part of the day - went with father to Capt Norton's cornfield & bro't home our flock and marked them - 25 in number - exclusive of 2 strays a horned buck and another female - Made settlem't with J.Martindale to whom had paid in orders on the stores \$14.69" - cash & otherwise \$30.41 whole am't tow'd the cash paym't \$45.10" leaving due him on that score \$3.90 - due tow'd cider payment \$1.25". Mr Kent had oxen & sled to go to Pownal to get a l'd of wood. H.Debar & I rode in cutter to town - carrying to D.Clark's 46-1/4 lbs butter - and Miss Bliss 4-1/4 lbs - At Dr Swift's saw S. H. Brown.

Dec'r 1823      and his cousin Abraham - paid 1/0 to Edward - balance due for a sett of cups & saucers - tried to borrow \$3 - wanted it too soon for me. At Swift Fassett's where the Court folks were pretty plenty - am'g others, S.Fay Judge Sol. Wright, Sam Wadsworth & W.Bates - Wadsworth accused B. of Merrill having wronged him out of \$27.00 - Rec'd of Col Merrill tow'd pork \$3. Blackmer & Co. with which marched to F.Blackmer & Co's & pd what I borrowed 24 hours before. Played the flute for F.B., H.H. & A.D.Robinson - P.DEWEY, N. Squires & perhaps somebody else. J.Norton Jr came there on some business. Came home & talked away very unprofitably great part of the ev'g read some in Watt's on the Mind. Hen. & Justin got thr' with threshing at B's early P.M. H.Waters tarried over night. Debar was sent when I was in town to bring D. from uncle S's but she would not come. At the Cath. P.O. took out a letter (for which pd 18-3/4") from cousin Catherine H. Parmenter Parmenter (late Harwood) to my youngest sister, dated Attica, N.Y. Nov Attica, #3 1823 - conceived in friendly & very religious terms. N.Y.

Company      SUNDAY, DEC'R 14      Cloudy, wind S.E. faintly - snowed a very little some parts of the day. Didn't devote so much time to reading as I wanted to - wrote as usual, besides attending to Milton H.W., J.Rog. Henry, Justin & Mr Wood were here this morning. At night Dama was bro't home by our cousins Sam Jun'r - Saff'd B. - Nathan - Emily R & Marian Sears - paid us a friendly visit.

MONDAY, DEC'R 15      Much like the 14th, not very cold, snowed pretty well late in the eve'g - spent all forepart of the day getting the sleigh in rig for action - P.M. assisted Parsons in conveying his shop stove & pipe to the school house; carried an empty bbl (except containing a little water) to the still-talked a few moments with Capt N. returned to Fay's - tsld with Parsons & Mrs F. P. went to







Dec'r 1823 Loomis' to consult about the price of the stove & pipe - started for home - spoke with friend Luman as I passed him without halting - assisted at the usual round of services at the barn & in the ev'g turned the churn and read Milton. Parsons paid us a visit. Father was not in good health, another of Job's comforters visited his neck. Henry & Justin closed their rye job at Brown's, the former bro't with him a quantity of grain the fruits of his late labors - Mr B. sent home 2 bbls rye which he borrowed in July or Aug the pres't season. S.H. Brown got home his fine cutter this day. No school in our District for want of stove & wood this 15th of Dec'r - On the eve'g of Sunday they held a District meeting to consult about providing a stove for the Schoolhouse - Capt N people having taken theirs away for the benefit of the still - It was agreed that Mr Parsons should be bo't - S. Loomis & myself to say how much it was worth, but this office putting me in a delicate place, I found means to evade its execution, was neither at sd meeting nor pronounced my opinion on the value of sd property - it was left to others.

Snow. TUESDAY, DEC. 16 Snowed all day drivingly from N.E. as I think - did fall deep - much tossed by the wind - tough for cattle - no business of moment going on - looked over my journal to find on what days Ab. Brown & his man had worked for us & we for him & found a balance in our favor of 2 days in haying & 6 in other's business - A. Brown Perused lofty Milton & other books, & assisted by Henry & Justin, took care of affairs at the barn.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 17 Cloudy, some, say a good deal windy, calm eve'g. Sally carried the children to school this 2d m'g in cutter - father & I threshed sp'g oats wh't - Henry & Justin helped Brown get 3 lds wood. Dama made mostly a gown (plaid) for Ruth Fay - P.489 D. sick with bad cold. Finished reading Milton's Grand Paradise Lost.

Dec'r 1823 This evening was carried into the cellar 24 small cheeses, weigh'g 420 Cheese. THURSDAY, DEC. 18 Fair, rather warm, clouds flew from S.W. Spent most of the day in Algiers - getting our horses shod and other small pieces of work done at A. Norton's - ox-ring ~~cut~~ cut & shut brace to the sleigh tongue mended & one of the rods of the box drawn & nut fixed on the end - had colars mended by H. Hull at Squires' towards potatoes delivered - p.415 Dined at Mr Godfrey's, Catherine being there on a visit - conversed in my sleigh - Mr G. seemed in good spirits for him - his sons Bradford & Pitts were at table - Before going to this house visited I.J. Hendryx's lady some time - she supplied me with a very good flutee & sev'l No's of Riley's Flute Melodies - besides conversing occasionally - S. Loomis when he was gone to the W. to remove his brother Ira & effects, saw her husband at Manlius, N.Y. - she expected him home soon. From Mr G's went to Squires' to get the colors - waited for them awhile - Buckley had the evening before as I took it, arrived from W. Hall N.Y. which he had visited in company with J. Norton Jun'r - spoke of the place as being grand for trade &c. Departed from Mr G's some before night - having on board Catharine, a bbl of cider to bring up to J. Rog's which uncle Geoerge wished to deposit in his cellar in order to convert it into vinegar - to do which he had long & vainly tried at home - and some other articles - called a short time at Ballard's - left 3 dried sheeps' with his apprentices - B. not immediately returning from the blacksmith's concluded to postpone my main business till a more fit opportunity - Some business minor importance was transacted in town of which I shall only notice receiving five dollars from D. Clark tow'd butter & ret'd 1st Vol of Milton to Kellogg & Blair'







Books Universal Instructor or Preceptor to C.Doolittle - see Nov.20 - Ret'd home early in the eve'g - J. Hand joined us from town. Brown drove off several of his cattle to Connecticut. J.Rog. sent his cow by him - June 12 & Dec 25 - Henry & Justin husked corn at Brown's.

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Dec'r 1823 Sleighing was pretty good - particularly in Algiers - Enoch Bird came & tarried over night with us - with horse & cutter from Middlefield, M's Complained of dreadful travelling across the G.Mount's - bound to Rutland, Vt - p. 196

FRIDAY, DEC. 19 Very rainy in the night and nearly all day, from S.W chiefly - from that to N.W. changed suddenly at night - warm - snow in low grounds much dwindled away. Continued our threshing. Mr Bird felt extremely dejected this morning on account of the weather - past 9, after offering pay which was refused for his fare, took leave, intending to visit his relatives in Woodford - the Lyons' - said he spent the summer in N.Y. City - at night perused Scott's Lessons and perhaps something else - talked with my folks of subscribing for Clark's Library - they seemed to approve of the design - on the 18<sup>th</sup> bo<sup>o</sup> of D.Clark the Vt Reg'r for 1824 containing much useful information. Henry & Justin finished husking at Brown's.

SATURDAY, DEC. 20 Flying clds - some squally - but not very cold till tow'd eve'g - it then froze up pretty smartly. 12 bbls sprg wht was winnowed & bro't in. Mr Kent went to Safford's Mill & bro't thence grists for himself, J.Rog. & ourselves - a part of the latter was composed of wht which I carried there on the 18<sup>th</sup>. At night perused a few pages of Spafford's Geog. (1809) treating of Chymistry - some articles in Evan' Sketches of Denominations - & a little of Biglan on German & English history. Miss Waters with 2 of her children - the babe being one of them, paid us a very acceptable visit. Henry & Justin spent the day transacting business abroad - agreed to chop wood for J. Norton Jun'r in Pow'l at 2/6 pr cord & board themselves. Damia was getting the better of a long siege of tooth-ache. N.Robinson visited us.

SUNDAY, DEC. 21 Dry and frozen - flying clds wind N.W. No going to meeting from this house. Perused various parts of Payne's geography of Asia - particularly the religious & funeral ceremonies of the Gentoos - of the Kamptskadales &c. Looked over the first & some other chapters of the bible. Henry & Justin visited Pownal & returned sick of their job. J.Rog. rode to E.Carpenter's & got his money changed - p.494 - H.W. here a few minutes.

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Dec'r 1823 MONDAY, DEC. 22 Rough, chill S.wind, cloudy - rained at night, very boisterous indeed. We threshed 200 sheaves wheat.

Henry & Justin Henry & Justin drew for us a load of wood - then took oxen & cart to transport husked corn from Brown's barn to his wood house where it was deposited - about noon they returned home letting Mr Kent, with our consent, have the team & cart to get a load of wood from Jewett's which he accomplished without ill fortune. Before the day ended Henry with wagg. & horses brought home from Norton's still 2 bbls brandy - making in all rec'd since Nov 22d - 210 gallons or thereabouts - See pp 480-2

Kent. To Justin I paid tow'd wages three dollars - he went off to buy leath'r for his fathers boots. This evening read of the E. countries of Asia in an unconnected manner - played the flute a good while - too long to please. Sally & Cath. Rog. visited at Parsons'.

Brandy

Martindale cash.







Henry D. J. Martin-  
dale. TUESDAY, DEC'R 23 Extremely foggy most of the time - rained considerably - very calm - scarcely no air in motion - we closed the business of threshing spg w<sup>h</sup>t the past seas'n. Henry & Justin commenced going to school & boarding here - the former rec'd of us pr D.Clark 1 quire of writing paper for which he engaged that I should have the Life of C.G.Fox. Mr Kent this morning assisted in unloading the brandy above mentioned & filed the wood-saw for J.Rog. From the last this morning I rec'd \$1 in money his wife had rec'd lately tow'd b butter. Passed the eve'g as usual.

Spring  
wheat.  
Wheat. WEDNESDAY, DEC 24 Rained powerfully we suppose all night & we know it did till sometime this morning, then changed to snow soon after which it ceased to storm - violent gusts of wind sent ~~suzzes~~ succeeded from N.W. - became pretty cold at night. We winnowed, fanned & riddled wheat enough to make up with what was threshed previous to the 20th 24 b<sup>h</sup>ls - 7 of which was laid apart for seed - leaving us 16 for family consumption - making in all raised this y'r 34 b<sup>h</sup>ls - Read in Bigland - Africa & India. Henry & Justin at school.

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Dec. 1823 THURSDAY, DEC. 25 Solidly frozen - roads full of ice - not thr worst of sleighing - very good waggoning - except perhaps where it was sidling. In the early part, or say the A.M., was spent in preparation for going abroad - P.M. father went to chopping & with the Visits ladies - Lydia, Damia, C. Rogers & C. Stone to E. Waters' - proceeded Safford's mill to get 6 b<sup>h</sup>ls wheat ground for the use of my side of the house - grist to be ground Saturday P.M. - returning to town called at Ballard's - didn't see him - gone to town - came up to Hicks' under P.M. Armstrong whose shed tied my horses - left in his bar-room a bundle of music directed to Prosper M. Armstrong, Hoosack Four Corners - it consisted of a book sent by him to me early in September and the Fifer's Companion the property of H. Waters' enclosing also a line acknowledging my remissness and asking for pardon therefor - Left at Col Merrill's 21-1/4 lbs butter - saw him awhile after - he agreed to pay me \$3.58 for that & \$L. yet due for pork soon, as he should soon collect it in Shaftsbury & Pownal - At Clarks' saw Furnace Hunt who had business with W. How'd as well as D. Robinson Jun'r - Isaac T. & others - Subscribed 1 yr at \$2. Library for Clark's library on condition that he should rec'd my 2 volumes of Pope. At D.R. Jun'r's from his wife for cheese which she had sometime in (June) May last \$1. - due her 4". Turn to May 3. Staid awhile at Hall Hall's - saw a parcel of music - played the flute - friend S.H. Blackmer being present also Tom. Morgan, another Law apprentice, and last of all Mr Hall who told me after his return from Albany he would pay me for the pork which he rec'd Nov. 26. Just as I came away Harvey Bliss came in. Forgot to mention calling at Bisbee's - not finding him at home & talking with Mrs B. - came home with my ladies - spent the eve'g readin Silliman's Tour to Quebec in 1819. Sold J.H. pint brandy this night.

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Dec'r 1823 FRIDAY, DEC. 26 Sharp dry weather - piercing wind from N. flying cld some hazy - the main employ was getting those trees down the steep hill which I felled on the 10th inst - & it was dangerous ugly business - finished it about 2 P.M. - occupied the remainder of the day mostly at the barn. Henry & Justin attended school. P'r H. Debar sent me \$1 ine dollar and forty six cents to Mrs Dickenson which paid her, including other acc'ts, in full for weaving 46 yds w. cloth - Received from S.H. Brown this eve'g for his part of the ride to W. Creek (p.453) & 1 b<sup>h</sup>l oats inclusive \$00.71". Paid to D. Harw'd tow'd making hoods for Mrs Fay and Mrs Dick'n \$1.00 - She finished a plaid







E. Bird gown this night for Ruth Fay. Mr E. Bird on his return from Rutland, Vt called a few moments & dined with me about 4 P.M. & proceeded on his  
 Parsons journey to Middlefield, M's. Parsons entertained us with a variety of news, among other envious facts, stated that J. Doty 2nd had been lately severely handled by H. Lovett in Pownal. I was very agreeably, most of  
 Silliman this eve taken up with Silliman from N. Lebanon to Fort Edward, during which his remarks and quotations chiefly on the Revolutionary War from various authors and what he saw himself were fine & very interesting -  
 R. Carpenter m'd. our youth ought all to peruse such works. On or about the 16th inst. Mr Reynolds Carpenter was married to Miss Hannah Niles the sister of his former lady - of Shaftsbury.

SATURDAY, DEC. 27 Cloudy - fierce S.W. wind - chilly. P.M. convey'd  
 Mrs. in the great wagg'n. Damia to F.B. & Co's store & my  
 Crawford lady to the comfortless habitation of of Wid. M. Crawford - saw one of her twin sons there lame, besides several grandchildren. At the mill  
 Wheat. left a grist of wheat, 7 bbls, for father, and rec'd that which was carried there on the 25 - also rec'd from J. Murphy in full 63" - Left Sally at the meeting house to walk home - rode myself on to the hill -  
 Library staid some time in Clark's book store - Put in Pope's

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Dec'r Poetical Works to C's Library at 2 dollars - to receive it again at the  
 1823 expiration of a year at that price - Mr C. answerable for damages -  
 Pope. Agreed with uncle S. Robinson some good day the ensuing week to come and butcher our beef. Read two or three pages in the I. Vol of Law Cases. Bo't of Dr Swift 1-1/2 yds cott. shirting, paid for it 21 cts - Bo't of E.B. Brewer his little work on Grammar & Arithmetic - rather thought him too sanguine in his ideas of this thing. At home followed Mr Silliman in his tour from Whitehall to Montreal - found him very interesting - as I do all American tourists of his stamp. At Ballard's got 2 tanned sheepskins in exchange for 3 dry ones - forgot to insert this in the right place - Hen & Just. at school only in the A.M. - Sat up till pretty late. J. Martindale & I received either of us warnings for a company training Jan'y 6 1824

TUESDAY, DEC. 28 Rained some in the night - wind changed & faintly breezed from N.W. being cloudy, calm & in a small degree thawy. Finely enjoyed the day mostly reading S's Tour in which are a number of fine prints affording pleasing as well as instructing views of Quebec from several important points - his historical remarks are very pleasing, and go far in clearing up many obscurities which have enveloped some of the great events that have taken place there within the last 60 or 70 years. Father attended service. Z. Pierce paid us a short visit - said he meant to go to the W. with his family next season Justin visited his father's. H.W. came here this P.M. On Saturday saw our old friend F. Johnson - accompanied us from the meeting house to Algiers mill bridge - when he parted from us to visit his lady.

MONDAY, DEC. 29 Very fine & springlike till sometime past noon, then the wind blew up fresh from N.W., grew cold, clds fly ing &c but the eve'g was calm & clear. Father on the 27th had chopped an elm in the S. part of the S. meadow & fitted it for drawing on the sled - we this day added three more, in that quarter, to the list so prepared. Eve'g finished the Q. Tour. J. Rog. & young Safford paid us a visit. H. Deb'r & J. Martindale both at school.







DEC 'R With Professor Silliman's Tour, which I read mostly aloud, we were highly  
1823 delighted - his description of what he saw & heard in Canada was high-  
Silliman ly interesting - as well as his historical sketches.

(MOND) TUESDAY, DEC 30 Soft SW wind, thawing some, hazy with flying clds - a  
cold rain commenced at night. Assisted father at  
Wood chopping 2 more elms in the S. meadow & in preparing the wood for sled-  
ding home lately drawn from the hill spoken of Dec 'r 26. Left off wor-  
Bisbee work early in order to go to Mill - Mr Bisbee came in & talked sometime  
& by paying \$10.34 took up his note given p. 478. In the gr't wag. J.  
Rog's wife in co rode to Courthouse hill - Mrs R. did business at Dr  
Swift's store where I saw Willard Bates & others - Returned S's Tour &  
Law Cases took out the 1st Vol of Law Cases Journ'l which in the eve'g read with  
feelings of indignation against the English Ministry & sorrow for the  
unhappy fate of that extraordinary man - On my way to the mill called  
Blackmer at F. Blackmer & Co's & paid eleven dollars in bank notes except \$1 in  
specie - signified to me that he had put it to my credit on book - Mr  
Isaac Webster, John Greenslit and a good many more being present. Cath-  
erine visited her folks a moment while I was at the mill - by sundown  
Death of arrived here in safety. Widow Wickwire 2d, wife of Capt J. Wickwire  
Widow and the mother of Mr Sol Lawrence died on the 28th - her remains were  
Wickwire this day interred - aged 87 - See p. 251 H. Debar & J. Martindale were  
B. Loomis at school. B. Loomis & S. H. B. showed us how to dance this eve'g.  
S. H. B. Parsons' caw came among ours this P. M. & being pushed got badly hurt,  
as it appeared

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 31 There were some spells of rain in the course of the  
day - surface of the ground thawed - snow & ice in  
patches, foggy & wldy. Our wheat flour (6-1/2 62 lbs for my part) was  
Butcher'g stored & packed - the cow mentioned p. 454 was butchered by uncle S. Rob  
assisted by his brother Saff'd & H. Wallace - a good supper & lively cha-  
chat ended the scene.

1824 THURSDAY, JAN 'Y 1 Cloudy - foggy on the mountains - wind steady from  
N. - most of the P. M. a fine frozen misty rain de-  
scended which attached itself in the form of ice to every object - grew  
cold tow'd eve'g - fields & meadows generally bare - Besides washing  
our large mare's wound in one of her hind legs, assisted by friend J. Rog  
helped my father chop wood lately drawn down the steep hill then return-  
ed (returned) home where some necessary motions were attended to & af-  
fairs at the barn put in order for the night - Ev'g uncle S. Robinson  
Beef came down and cut up our beef in his usual fine style which leads me to  
remark that her hind quarters weighed together 250 lbs, fore do 224 -  
tallow in the rough 88 - hide 67 lbs - total 629 lbs - Our boys amused  
themselves some part of the time a hunting - no school in our Dist.  
Justin in the morning did an errand in town for me. Levi Jewett & oth-  
ers smoked out squiirels in thw woods - Mr Parsons rec'd company from  
the S. this eve'g - E. Fay Jun'r & lady - Sally was of the party - Mr  
Kent with his son Thomas visited us - After getting the chores out of  
the way spent some very agreeable hours reading Law Cases whose anec-  
dotes wonderfully please concerning the great men who suffered at St  
Law Cases Helena - this was my employment last evening - and so I begin the year.

FRIDAY, JAN 'Y 2 Mountains from bottom to top were dressed in bright  
grey - the frozen mist adhering to the trees caus-  
ing that appearance - rather cold but calm. Ben Hand played a few pie-  
ces on his fiddle this morning for our girls and boys. Assisted fath-  
er at threshing out 10 bbls corn which as we got ready loaded for carry-  
ing to mill - L. Sherwood Jr., his brother Lyman & P. M. Armstrong drove up







Company from Hoosick - made us a very pleasing visit - supped with us - S.H. Brown sat at table. Late in the day accompanied by H. Debar went to D' Ballard mill - carried hide to Ballard's - settled with him thro't paid him \$1.18 - gave note for 280 cents - came home - read La's Cases till late. Ab. Brown arrived from Conn't.

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1824 SATURDAY, JAN'Y 3 Flying clouds - flashes, as we say, of warm succeeded by cold - however not very cold, wd N. Drew 6 lds Wood elm wood from the S. meadow - visited town at night - returned the 1st of Las Cases & took out the 2d Vol - Supped at Bisbee's & agreed to let him have a quarter of beef - Mr White came there to see the hired girl who had engaged herself to him - B. hated to part with her - Came home J. Rogers & read 64 or 65 pages in La's Cases - J. Rogers visited Algiers - Henry & Justin neither of them visited school - the latter assisted at the night chores.

SUNDAY, JAN'Y 4 Warmish - carried off the little snow which facilitated our sledding yesterday - cloudy with times of sunshine - wind S. - Many little notions & necessary calls prevented me from enjoying the pages of La's Cases as much as I could have wished, Las Cases however between 60 & 70 yielded to me - Some parts were irksome, because I felt so disgusted with his situation - must think him a most singular as well as extraordinary character. Father attended public service. J. Martindale visited in Pownal.

MONDAY, JAN'Y 5 Moderate, cloudy - thawy, muddy - rainy late P.M. & early in the eve'g. Early in town - Mr Bisbee consenting sold forequarter of beef 104 lbs to H.H. Fassett who bo't it for M.C. Selden at whose house I left it - at \$3. - am't being \$3.42" - payable 1st of Feb'y ensuing (114 lbs). Bo't & paid 79 " for 1 lb tea at Ballard L. Patchin's - highly recomm'd. Rode to Ballard's - took the note given him on the 2d inst - rec'd the 5 calfskins remaining with him - which bro't me in debt to him \$12.38" - paid cash so as to reduce it to \$12. and that gave my note for, with interest, which I reluctantly agreed to because we had to wait the motion of so many without exacting the same Tried to get off but to no purpose - on my return took in grist of corn at Dewey's - At home sold my 5 c skins

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Dewey to J. Rogers and took his note of \$11.25" with int. for the same. Spent the P.M. writing a letter to cousin Annis Stone of Scipio, N.Y. in reply to hers, a fine one, of Dec 23 1823 - Dewey Duncan bearer - who with the man employed to convey himself & family to that place, being accompanied by his brother Myron - returning from Hoosick to Pownal tarried over night here. Father chopped near the rocks - Henry & Justin had Nancy & wag'n to convey corn to F. Blackmer & Co's. Mr Kent had oxen & cart to draw 2 lds wood from Jewett's.

TUESDAY, JAN'Y 6 Rained soakingly early in the day - and then again P.M. - succeeded by a thin snow - merely enough to cover the deep mud in the roads. Our three young friends breakfasted with us and departed from Pownal, intending soon to set out for Scipio - the young man with the horses was named Strong - Got measured for a pr of coarse boots at J. Rog's - Rained so I could not well go to training to assist at choosing a Lieut - Eve'g many pages read in La's Cases. Henry & Justin hunted when it didn't rain too hard - amused themselves at J. Rog's most of the day - the former bro't children from school - We now had fed out about the last of our corn-fodder - the E. hay-mow was







cut, which with hay on the E. scaffold we desired might hold out to the end of six weeks. Stock & debts must soon be exhibited.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7 Very fine till toward night - then grew hazy - wind breezed up from S.W. - Some part of the day - warm, nearly resembling spring. Until past noon assisted at drawing wood from the meadow and the parcel this side the rocks - P.M. waited upon U.M. Rob. Lydia & Dama to cousin U.M. Robinson's where they visited with other Carpenter cousins & friends, including U.M.'s 2 elder sisters. At Rich'd Carp's left 11-1/4 lbs butter on cr - got measured for a Dandy suit - bo't 2 cakes shaving soap or an Irish or Scotch boy - Esq'r Fillmore came to C to get his boys clothes cut out. Finished reading 2d Vol of Law Cases - got Marriage Ceremonies, because the 3d V. was gone. Bo't 5 lbs br sug & a broom at Dr Swift's - booked - 60" & 16" - Came home in the eve'g.

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1824 Saw Virgil Page at M. & R.'s office pay up a small acc't - put in their Virgil hands to collect for Tuckerman of Pocket Furnace memory - who I under- Pope. stand had lately made off. At Patchin's bo't 4 oz cinnamon - pd 18-3/4 Patchin cents - they trusted me till Saturday for the other six cents which I then paid - Saw D. Ruttenbur & others there.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 8 Fine - but pretty cold in the mg - some part of the time wind was furious from the N.W. - flying clods - Seven loads of wood was drawn from the place above described. Spent much of the evening playing the flute at J. Rog's - my great coarse boot Boots boots were in progress. Disliked my "Ceremonies", the book which I last took from Clark's - Boys attended school - except that Justin took time to visit Col. Merrill.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 9 Frozen morning - the S. wind soon sprang - thawed fast - thin flying clouds. We drew 7 lds wood as above. Henry & Justin threshed 250 sheaves of rye & assisted in un- Boys loading. Eve'g read gen. Brown's Report of Niagara Warfare &c. thresh- S.H.Br'n, J. Rog & others were here. ing.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 10 Low fog, clouds & rain filled the atmosphere all this day - very muddy, disagreeable about getting about. A.M. one runner of the wood-sled was shod, as was the other on the 8th. P.M. we attended a meeting of a number of the principal inhabitants of this & the town's adjacent to draw up resolutions to forward to Congress on the depressed state of the Farming & Manufacturing interests of the country - some very pertinent remarks were made by capt D. Robinson & Col Merrill on these important subjects - to which was opposed the ~~off~~ add & contrary opinions queries of Mr Isaac Webster. After appointing a large Committee, of 20 members, to bring in Report on Saturday the 17th the meeting adjourned to that day. Bro't home & read the 3rd Vol of Law Cases - Henry & Justin threshed rye in the A.M. only P.M. they played - Justin took care of cattle at night - H. Waters here this night. A Comet was said to be visible early eve'g every morning at this time.

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Jan'y SUNDAY, JANUARY 12 Stormed from S.E. very tediously by turns all day - 1824 hail intermixed with much rain, which froze on as it fell - the surface of the ground was frozen up - Read in the Argus a sketch of the Revolution in Greece - wrote Journal & spent several hours - daytime and evening perusing the interesting pages of Law Cases 3d Vol. Napoleon was treated most shamefully by his cruel Jailors -







Les Cases Such would have been the fate of our better Washington - had British plans succeeded in this country. Friend Parsons paid his respects to us a part of this gloomy day - Justin visited his brothers - Henry went where he pleased.

MONDAY, JAN'Y 12 Calm & a good deal cloudy - wind N. - thawed a little - a slight snow, merely nominal, covered the surface - ground without much frost in it - streams high. We threshed 150 sheaves of rye - J. Rog. had oxen & sled assisted by Henry & Justin to draw away the brush fence from the lower side of the Indian field, for fuel, having bargained for it with S.H. Brown. In the eve'g finished F. Johnson's ~~THURSDAY~~ ~~VJAN'Y~~ ~~13~~ ~~Cases~~ - This morning F. Johnson paid us a little visit - seasoned with several good pieces on the flute. Mrs Spencer visited here this evening - Father this day entered his 63d year.

TUESDAY, JAN'Y 13 Cold tedious rain from S.E. - cloudy & gloomy - surface of the ground glazed with ice. Same business again. Justin was in town - returned for me the 3d of Les Cases & bro' down the 3rd of Plutarch in which read over some of the first acts of Alexander with no great interest because it is tolerably familiar to me - at the same time should be greatly puzzled to give anything like a correct account of him from memory. H. Debar passed the day about home amusing himself at some rate or other - Mr P. here this eve'g - sociable - good company.

WEDNESDAY, JAN'Y 14 Not very cold in the morning, but the wind blowing extremely hard from N.W. grew cold most rapidly - froze hard at night. Continued threshing rye. The boys went to school - Evening perused Alexander in Plutarch - Parsons talked with us respecting the dull times. Perused before going to bed the list of members of Congress - 1823.

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THURSDAY, JAN'Y 15 A keen morning - smart weather through the day - cloudy P.M. and wind, some of the time, high from NW. Finished our rye threshing - including Henry & Justin's part there were 957 sheaves. Got through the Life of Alexander in Plut. Mr A. Brown entertained us with remarks & information respecting the alarming situation of our country. He & his lady p'd J. Rog. & family an evening visit - Our boys went to school & to town at night - No snow - ground frozen very uneven & sharp. Below we will endeavor to exhibit a view of crops &c.

My exhibit will be found very deficient for want of due care & knowledge of the subject necessary to be correct.







Neat Cattle.

2 bullocks	55.00
15 cows at \$15	225.00
4, 2 yr olds bll inc.	40.
1 dwarf	6.00
2 yearlings at \$6.	12.00
24	\$ 338.00
2 working horses, fem	100.00
2 colts, 4 & 3 yrs old	80.00
25 Sheep	50.00
	\$ 568.00

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Grain, potatoes etc grown in 1824

Spg wheat - 4 acres - 68 bbls	\$85.00
Rye 7 88	38.72
Oats 4 50	12.50
Corn sound 4 40	20.00
Potatoes 2 200	25.00
Flax good 5/8	\$ 181.22

2105/8 acres

Kept (18) 17 cows - made 3000 lbs chees  
& 400 or 500 lbs butter  
Made 30 bbls cider - sold 21  
at \$1

Commenced winter with 29 hd  
cattle as stated p. 675 - See  
P. 594

Crops & Cider 1823

Spr Wht	3-1/2 acres	34 bbls	\$ 38.25
W. Rye	7	69-1/2	34.25
Oats	8	80	16.08
Corn	4	120 at 2/6	50.00
Potatoes	1	300 at 0/9	25.00
Cider - 167 bbls - at 75 - 80 bbls apples at 1/0			136.33
			\$ 299.91

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FRIDAY, JAN'Y 16 Early it misted - rather calm - very cloudy - wind  
rather from the E. - cold early in the eve'g.

J.Rog.

Assisted by Justin 48-1/2 bbls rye was cleaned up & bro't in - making a  
total on hand of that grain nearly 50 bbls - At night read the lucky  
part of Pompey's Life in Plutarch. J.Rog. with Justin & Henry visited  
Dr Swift's and bo't hima wood-saw ready to run for \$1.63"

Public-  
meeting.

SATURDAY, JAN'Y 17 Very blustering & cold from N.W. - flying cl'ds - dr  
dry, hard, frozen - dreadful travelling. A.M. got a  
load of wood from off the rocks with the sled - a hard experiment, but  
soon over with. P.M. attended the adjourned meeting mentioned p.508 -  
The committee made an able Report which may be seen in the Gazette of  
the 20" - the travelling was such that numbers were prevented, it is  
likely, from attending, but as it was, a respectable number were pres-  
ent - on account of preparing the Court chamber for the S. court, the  
meeting was held in Mr Cushman's bar-room. Some warm opposers were pre-  
sent - particularly Capt Hicks who gave out his ideas in his usual  
warm way. If time permits perhaps something more may be said of this  
affair. H.Waters and young Story put on paint in the S. room - some  
dancing of course ensued - Got 4th Vol of Law Cases & read a few pages  
therein - Henry & Justin hunted some part of the day - fired a mark &c.  
- with S.H.B. & Norm. Norton - Rec'd in full from Hiland Hall \$10 -  
paid the same to Dr Swift on acc't - Ed'd his son rec'd it.

H.Hall  
Dr Swift

SUNDAY, JAN'Y 18 Pretty cold - small fine snow - hardly making any  
impression on the ground kept sifting slowly most  
of the day - wind N. My time was employed in writing as usual & read-  
ing some patches of history. Gov Yates' Message to the N.Y. Legisla-  
ture & a Debate in the H. of Assembly on a resolution for appt'g a com-  
mittee to consult on the manner of choosing Electors &c - Father went  
to Church.







Jan'y 1824 MONDAY, JAN'Y 19 That kind of fine snow mentioned on the 18th continued flying till late this morning, after which the sun shone more or less through the day - keen wind from N.W. very cold morning & evening 0 - My business was mainly wading & greasing the old two horse harness - Father chopped up wood for drawing S. of the Tracy field. In the eve'g highly pleased myself & our girls as well as parents reading *Las Cases* 4th Vol. Justin after wringing & twisting himself most of the day reluctantly started off for home. J.Rog. was in Algiers till past noon I believe - Henry waited upon the children to school in the litt. wagon - returned - tuned his fiddle - played some  $\frac{3}{4}$  Mrs Grimes At night with J.Rog. & lady attended dancing school - Old Mrs Grimes was at this time spinning for J.R. The snow here mentioned made no real sleighing.

TUESDAY, JAN'Y 20 Continued pretty cold - some flying clouds - became warmer as the end of the day approached & in the eve'g at the same time snowed a little - wind S. Late in the morning we entered the S.E. quarter of the old Sug. place & remained chopping there till an hour before sundown - returned - took care of our cattle and in the eve'g perused *Las Cases* when not engaged with our friends - Kent. K't & P's - B.Loomis came here latish. Henry absent from School - B.Loomis fiddling - took care of the horses.

WEDNESDAY, JAN'Y 21 There were spells of snowing - A.M. & P.M. but amounted not to sleighing - toward night it grew tedious indeed - cleared up cold enough. We got ready to go to work in the woods, but seeing the snow falling, concluded on retiring. - Perused *Las Cases* - P.M. we were out awhile trimming wood already felled. At night finished 4th of *Las Cases* - Henry not at school. B.Loomis here a part of the day. J.Rog. & wf attended a party at J.Norton Jun's at the Atwood place - Mrs Street & Melissa there.

Jan'y 1824 THURSDAY, JAN. 22 Fair and pretty cold - particularly at nt. A venerable elm that stood E. of the brook under the brow of the steep rocks was felled and drawn up for fuel - taken from the Litt. Mead'o - Evening read Fay's Collection - fore part - Brown's town battle &c. B.Loomis & Parsons visited here this eve'g. Oatman, the dry-goods peddler called on us - Damia bo't a gown pattern &c. Sally bo't 1 yd cott. sheeting - paid in full 23 cents - Henry attended school but Adeline kept at home. On the 21st Mr Kent had oxen & sled to draw 1 load of wood from L.Jewett's - Late in the evening perused Bigland respecting Spanish Cities &c.

FRIDAY, JAN'Y 23 Handsome day altho' cold night as well as m'g - win wind rather from S.W. Two elms standing in the E. part of the Litt. Mead. were cut down and added to the woodpile. Mr Kent honored us with his company a part of the time. They expected company from the E. part of the town at J.Rog's but they did not shew themselves so there was only the youth of both houses collected there who danced experimentally. I played poorly enough - I forgot to mention that S.H.Brown was of the party. Returned here and read in Bigland a lively acc't of Paris as in 1808-9 in which the improvements of Napoleon are conspicuous.

SATURDAY, JAN'Y 24 Another mild fine day indeed - One large ld of wood from S. of the Tracy field was drawn up - had to take much pains to obtain it. P.M. left Father cutting down two tall basswoods on the E. side of our rocks south of the place at which the brook breaks forth - went to mill for Parsons & J.Rog's in the big wagg







To mill Catherine accompanied me - Carried Harvey Bliss & Nelson Thayer from  
H.Bliss meeting house hill to Algiers - Catherine made a short visit at her  
fathers while I returned & borrowed some music at T. J. Hendryx's -  
Mrs H. introduced me to Mr David Hendryx's wife with whom I talked re-  
specting her father, the late Mr Joseph Hunt and his family - died him-  
self at Fairfax, Vt - 13 yrs since - time doesn't allow me to say more  
Got 5th Vol of Les Cas. & 2 papers at the office and arrived here at  
Martindale. sundown. Read both book & papers. J.Martindale returned from his fath-  
ers this P.M. with stiff neck. Ret'd 1st V of Paynes Geog to W.Heswell

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Jan. SUNDAY, JAN'Y 25 Mild - some thawy - Wind N. at night & cloudy.  
1824 Perused newspapers, Las Cases & other books occasion-  
ally, but withal went over no great space and my recollection would cov-  
er but a small portion indeed. J.Rog. went to get a bbl cider from  
J.Rog. Brown's by means of our oxen and sleigh - H.Debar & J.Martindale were  
with him - H.W. here this P.M. Father & the girls attended meeting.

MONDAY, JAN'Y 26 Cloudy - wind brisk from N.W. - grew cold pretty fas-  
t P.M. We hauled basswood down from the foot of  
Boys. the rocks S. of the brook. Read newspaper & Las Cases at night. H.de-  
bar & J.Martindale did not go to school - were in town P.M.

TUESDAY, JAN'Y 27 Fair, but there prevailed a very chilling & raw wind  
from W. inclining rather from N.W. - calm & cold at  
nt. We were chiefly employed at chopping dry trees & staddles on the  
Las Cases little sugar-loaf adjoining the S. end of the young orchard - In the  
eve'g read the last part of Las Cases 5th Vol concerning Moscow & Water-  
loo - melancholy subjects in my estimation - Brown visited us - J.Rog. &  
Hen Debar visited town & bro't grist from mill.

WEDNESDAY, JAN'Y 28 Very fine & mild - thawed a little. Drew up four  
Boys middling sized lds of wood from the place named  
above - J.Rog. with Henry & Justin who left school for the purpose,  
formed a hunting party in the neighboring woods P.M. At night read  
Intell. from Washington - some concerning Crawford & Calhoun - also a  
Remonstrance from Count Mouthoton to gov. Lowe - dictated by Napoleon &  
it was ably done too - Commenced the 19th Chapt't of Judges, but had to  
Letter leave it to read a letter from uncle Clark Harwood dated at Rutland on  
from the 19th inst bro't by cousin S. Robinson - had rec'd blankets forward-  
Clark ed Nov 20th - wrote a cheering lively epistle - desired me to answer it  
Harwood. soon - By the same opportunity wrote a good one to cousin Margaret -  
Parsons. Friend Parsons & lady paid us a good visit - cousin S.Rob. & S.H.B.

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Jan. The S.Half of the E.hay-mow was all given out or consumed by the stock  
1824 up to the evening of the 27th - a small quantity of clover yet remained  
Hay on the E.Scaffold.

THURSDAY, JAN'Y 29 Signs of rain - thawy - wind S. - cloudy and hazy -  
Four loads more, like those drawn on the 28th, were  
added to the pile from the SE corner of the old Sug. Place - it was  
miserable sledding indeed. Dickinson was snaking wood from the Street  
lot. J.Martindale worked at J.Rogers' - cutting wood at his door - Deb  
was at school - C.Rog's & her eldest sister visited Algiers together -  
J.Rog. and his lady spent a part of the evening here. My reading was  
confined to a Debate of no great interest in the H. of Ass. N.Y. about  
choosing a day for discussing the caucus question, or Resolution s  
- and some parts of Mr Woodson's speech in Congress - 1823 - in favor







N.Y. Legislature of Manufactures - a good thing - other things I read, but feel too insipid to note it down - writing is too lengthy a business for me..

FRIDAY, JAN'Y 30 Rather hazy - but really mild pleasant weather - Most of the day in the woods alone chopping beech wood - Late in the eve'g rec'd the 6th Vol of Las Cases - which interested me till late bedtime. Father with Damia attended the service performed in obedience to an Order for a Church Fast - at which several of the worthies were present - and among them W. Haswell who addressed the meeting most fervently on the subject of Reform &c. One of the ancient men of this town paid the debt of nature, after a long & painful illness (the dropsy) on the eve of Jan'y 29 - it was Mr Isaac Rice - long a resident in the N. part of this place - aged not far from 80. A very good short letter was rec'd from Mrs A. Waters, Stockbridge, announcing that they were in good health.

SATURDAY, JAN'Y 31 A slight flurry of snow covered the ground this morning - some spitting of snow continued till sometime in the A.M. Cloudy & chilly through the day - About sunset a squall came up from N.W. - cold ensued - rode to mill accomp'd by my mother - at Dewey's she stopped half an hour hearing Mrs D. relate over the miseries of others, particularly Old Jenny, among the town's poor - and the sickness of P. Dewey's wife, daughter & hired girl - Bought goods at Dr Swift's and F.B.'s and came home - Read Las Cases till late - Campaign of 1813 - very melancholy. The boys hunted &c.

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SUNDAY, FEB'Y 1 Very cold & dry - more so than at time the present season - high & stormy gusts of N.W. wind. Perused Las Cases with the usual mixture of melancholy & dissatisfaction & something else that it does not occur to me now to name - boiled ink, wrote Journ'l &c. H.W. slept with our boys under a great mass of bedding - N. Norton paid his respects to us this eve'g

MONDAY, FEB'Y 2 Extremely cold morning - very severe day - wd S.W. We considered it too cold to do more without doors than to look to our stock at the barn, keep good fires and read a little. Finished Las Cases with feelings of indignation against the powers that kept Napoleon there, & despised & hated their iron tool the gov. - The Emperor was great & they could never rob him of his justly acquired fame. Damie was this day 24 yrs of age. J. Rog. conveyed his sister & our Adeline to school. Our boys were absent from school - had a feast at J. Rog's.

TUESDAY, FEB'Y 3 Searching rough S. wind very chilly - cold & hazy. We drew 4 more lds of wood from the same place mentioned on the 29 - Perused nothing of much importance - Played Hen's fiddle.

WEDNESDAY, FEB'Y 4 Cloudy - mild in the morning - but the wind sprang up from W. & N.W. and became very cold at night. Father with H. Debar & J. Martindale got up 5 lds wood - I went to mill - got about \$1.6 worth goods at F.B. & Co's - Spent a good while at the Book store - Saw E. Montague & others - W. Haswell started for the N. with the Journals & Laws of the State. Mr Bliss Happ'd in - spoke feelingly of Bonaparte's fate & character - At Fassett's saw W. Smith & little Heman Hall of Pownal. Visited a short time D. Ruttenbur & H. Waters - played the fife - agreed to let D.R. have 12 lbs butter - Under Hicks' horse shed rec'd three dollars of C. Bisbee. At night talked with the







including S.H.Brown, on Gov't of the U.S. & its geography - of which none of us knew too much - Left B. Loomis at the shop

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Feb'y 1824 THURSDAY, FEB'Y 5 Very cold & clear - particularly in the morning when the wind was N.W. - but P.M. it came from S. - became some warmer. Little was done here - some preparation for Whitehall. Cold Father out of health - Henry plays the fiddle - Read the Argus on Legislation &c.

Expedition to Whitehall. FRIDAY, FEB'Y 6 Tolerably pleasant & mild - wind SW - At about 10 this morning started for Whitehall - travelled by W. Creek, over the hills into Pumpkin Hook - took a wrong road after leaving said place, pursued it about a mile - measured back our way to get right again. It was excellent waggoning - beyond Cambridge W'te meeting house took the Salem turnpike which soon bro't us to Harvey's Inn, Jackson, enquired for Mr Phelps' of a gentleman who stood by the door - he said he supposed himself to be the man but could not recollect our name, which was soon given him and then no more introduction was wanted - drove over to his house and landed there about 5 P.M. - Mrs P. was abroad - but was soon sent for - arrived in fine spirits - rec'd & waited upon us in the best style - her husband also was lively, very sociable and friendly. The even'g was enlivened by the company of J.Lamb & Mrs Moore (gr't novel reader) the former played the flute which was an amusement wherein I took part. The eve'g passed away very agreeably.

Expedition to Whitehall. SATURDAY, FEB'Y 7 Mild - some hazy - wind S. Perhaps it was 9 in the morning when we left Mr P's for W'hall - at the first gate had some trouble in getting a bill changed - without further vexation reached Blakely's in Hebron - which is 7 miles this side Granville and 21 this side Whitehall. Mr B. much disheartened with his business - no travelling of any am't - everything going bad. I P.M. in motion again - ground very naked & hard in the road, but we began to see more ice & snow in the fields & meadows - At Granville they went with sleighs on thin snow - sleighing improved as we proceeded towards the Lake - At Granville and a few miles beyond there found difficulty in finding the way - no guide boards - scolded & fretted frequently at this bad fault - Overtook Mr Goodale on his wood sleigh two or three miles this side his house - arrived there about sunset - found them all in good health. After supper rode with Mr G. down to the Village - A.Fox drove for us - Viewed the canal boats - stone stoves &c - afterwards sat at Bull's Tavern sometime hearing G. talk

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Feb'y 1824 with his friend Jer Lockwood about the joiner work of his new house, concerning which he seemed much engaged - Lockwood was engaged to do the wood work - the main body to be of brick - We returned past 9 to G's.

SUNDAY, FEB'Y 8 Snowed very smartly a little while this m'g. P.M. scuddy, some hail and rain - grew cold - high wind NW or W. Staid at home till past noon - young folks went to meeting - P.M. Mr G. accompanied me on the ice to view the remains of the American & British squadrons - 1814 - Paced the Confiance which lay a little W. of the point called Fiddler's Elbow - found it to be about 150 feet in length from stem to stern on the inside - saw many places through which the deadly balls were hurled - the vessel appeared to be in a very decayed condition - from this proceeded to others which lay a small distance up E.Bay - that which they called the Saratoga had up two masts in whose bow I discovered a swivel ball almost wholly buried in the wood which I







much wanted to extract, but had no implement to do it with. While here M  
Mr G. killed a muskrat, which he sold to a friend who came past us in a  
sleigh at the moment - Returned through the marsh which like the Lake wa  
was firmly bridged with ice, E. of Island Hill on which are U.S. Barracks  
- some of them tumbling down - at the summit was the remains of a little  
fortification - a little E. of which stands a stone shanty called the  
Magazine - and they have an iron cannon taken out of some of the ship-  
ping - which I should guess might be a 12 poun'r pointing toward the  
Village a short distance S.W. of the pinnacle overlooking the channel -  
some feet below stands a pine tree of low stature on which they raise  
the U.S. flag & fire the gun on the 4th of July & other great days -  
this place I did not now visit, but passed up on the new way by the great  
stone store where the Steam Boat loads lands, and along by the new grist  
mill built of stone in which they said there were 7 men run of stones -  
this road which is carried over the rocky foot of Skeene's Mountain at  
the right of the falls was erected at great expense presents quite a  
romantic view of a part of the Vill. the hills or mountains W. & S.W.  
& the harbor below - returned home early eve'g - viewed cattle & sheep  
which were in good condition. A. Fox went to Methodist meeting at night.

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MOMDAY, FEB'Y 9 A most gay morning, but was overcast before night -  
mild - wind S. This morning Mr G. and I came to an  
understanding ab't the bbl of cider brandy which I carried (31 gs) for  
18 gs was to receive a cheese and wash tub and 6 pails hooped & bailed  
with iron - & for  $\frac{1}{4}$  13 gs to receive next fall \$5.24" cash - and for my  
dried apples rec'd at the village 8 yards cotton cloth - shirting width  
- We took a pleas't little ride down to the war vessels - some of which  
were wholly and others partially sunk - Anson with an axe cut out that  
ball which I saw the preceding day, which I carefully bro't home - While  
Mr G. & the ladies proceeded to the Village - Anson & I visited the  
Island before described - Having satisfied my curiosity here and finding  
there was no admittance at the arsenal on acc't of Liut Budd being absen  
at Sandy Hill with the keys - and finished all our business with our  
friends - left them in very friendly style about 10 A.M. - arrived at  
Blakeley's past 1 P.M. where there was a parcel of huntsmen who had some  
thing to take - Mr Billings Blakely & his wife had before they were mar-  
ried liven with Phelps in the great tavern now owned by Harvey - her  
name was Laura Orcutt - they had lately rec'd an addition to their fami-  
ly in a little daughter - at which they were much rejoiced - Arrived at  
P's 6 in the evening - P. gone till 7 or 8 - Mrs M. came over as when we  
were there before - she lived at Mr Harvey's - that gent's health had  
improved.

TUESDAY, FEB'Y 10 Early began to thaw - cldy - wind S.W. - blew terri-  
bly with much rain at night from S.W. - trees in  
forests & fences bowed before it - In the morning Mr P. & neighbors were  
gone till sometime in the morning fixing a pump - I visited Mr Harvey wh  
who said he sold he sold his property at Petersburg (Rens. Co.) for  
3500\$ and bo't his present situation for \$4500 - leaving him in debt  
\$1500, which in the opinion of some of his neighbors he would never clea  
clear out. Having rec'd every attention from out good friends started  
off for home by way of the Chequered house - called a moment at Haff's  
in W. Creek - learned of Mrs H. that she had a little son 4 months old  
named Geo. Wm - Nearly night reached home - the roads growing bad -  
S. Loomis rode with me from town - found all except mother in health.







WEDNESDAY, FEB'Y 11 Considerably rainy - it was this night that there was such a terrible gale & rain from S.W. & not last night. Sawed some wood. S.H. Brown with B. Loomis with were Jon's - Entertained a sailor, native of Newf'dland at night who was cast away in the G. of St Lawrence Oct. 1 1823 - said he was 25 yrs old - Frost much out of the gr'd.

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Feb'y 1824 THURSDAY, FEB'Y 12 Very early this morning the wind changed to N.W. bringing with it some snow afterwards the wind continued extremely high & grew cold all day - freezing the ground solid by night. Sawed some wood - went to town with J. Martindale - spent some time at the Bookstore viewing Map of N.Y., looking at books &c. Drew from the Library "Precaution" for the girls - bo't of Dr Swift 1 pap'r pins at 0/9 booked - R. Wittum was present - Visited Hall & Blackmer's office - & also D.Ruttenbur & H. Waters working in Blackmer's new part of his house - Borrowed of Blackmer's lady, Scruprier's Biography - 2d Vol. H.W. here this eve'g. Hen & Justin not at school.

FRIDAY, FEB'Y 13 Clear morning succeeded by cold S. wind & clds. More wood was sawed - Dr N. Swift came to visit Mother on account of sickness - staid a good while - spoke doubtfully of Oliver C.-----e, our cheese agent at N.Y. Father was rather out of health. Mrs Waters paid us a visit. Bo't a 2nd hand axe of J.Rog. payable in butter - 6 lbs - Henry hunts - Justin reads & heard read a Novel Brown. Capt Park, Abraham & S.H.Brown visited us this evening to get us for witnesses

SATURDAY, FEB'Y 14 Chill S.E. wind, thick clds - hard frozen - Pursued At our wood slowly - father rather unwell. At Hall & Blackmer's Blackmer's in the evening father & myself attended to hear what Capt Brown's witnesses had to say - they were Isaac Judd, N.F.Champney & Erasmus Montague - Father could say but little & I nothing - we were however witness's to make an estimate of the rent of the Hinman possessions - from June 1813 to Dec'r 1815 - or what we supposed it worth. Capt B., Sam H., Capt Hull, T. Morgan and snother young man were pres't. Mr Blackm'r was there a short time. Mr Olin came in awhile to transact business with C Champney - Lawyer Squier popped in a mom't to borrow a law book - Hall performed the examination - Late we came home.

SUNDAY, FEB'Y 15 A great howling S.Easter prevailed - rained fine a little here & on the west mount. Chiefly engaged H.W. at writing. Justin went home. H.W. wanted timber for an adze helve.

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Feb'y 1824 MONDAY, FEB'Y 16 Misty rain in the morning - ere noon snowed considerably - snowed more P.M. - not very cold, but rather thawy - Wind S.E. in the early part of the day - N.W. at night. Kept doing at the woodpile when not too stormy. Henry played the fiddle - Boys. Justin read Novel. In the morning they had talked of chopping down a large oak tree in Brown's woods for J.Rog - but the appearance of the weather made them give it up.

TUESDAY, FEB'Y 17 Snowed fast before a stiff N.W. wind that this morning - this ceased after awhile - P.M. fair, wind continued high N.W. J. Rogers, Bliss Loomis, H.Debar & J.Martindale performed an excursion with our sleigh & horses to Mr Phillips' neighborhood - Petersburg, N.Y. - Saw P.Barber at her father's - Returned here past 9 in the evening. Father & I were in town - the former as witness







Brown-Hinman suit. for Park Brown in the cause of P. Brown vs J. Hinman & others - It was past noon when the S. Court were organized - Williams & Aiken only on the bench - By the latter an able address was delivered to the Grand Jury of whom gen Robinson was appointed Foreman by the Court. The Douquet was called over - the Jury organized, sworn & the above mentioned cause bro't before the Court and labored upon till night when they adjourned without coming to decision. I carried to D. Ruttenbur 10-1/2 lbs butter - sold on credit at 0/9. Spent much time at Clark's. C. went in the stage to Albany - took out for the ladies 2d Vol of Precaution - at Fassett's in his hall rec'd on note of C. Bisbee \$2.37-1/2" - Myron Duncan & his mother pd us a visit - P.M. & evening - Ascertained the am't of State, Town & School taxes, making in all, if I mistake not, \$12.10 - Minister's do \$11.55" - The hay on the E. mow was now ab't finished - the mow opposite was high abd almost entire with a considerable quantity of straw on hand.

Cash of Bisbee.

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WEDNESDAY, FEB'Y 18 Violent wind from S.W. this morning, which P.M. bro't on rain awhile - continued cloudy after the storm was over - at night the wind came strong from the W. froze hard by 9 or 10 o'clock. Attended court again.

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Feb'y 1824 Court. The labors of the lawyers were wholly engrossed by the Brown & Hinman cause during almost the whole day - I mean those of the craft who had undertaken to manage for the respective parties - Lengthy speeches with long and dull quotations from their books, were made by either party to sustain or overthrow arguments about the admission of testimony &c &c &c Judges Williams & Skinner having been employed as attorneys on the part of Brown would not sit on this cause - Justin did all our choars - Henry played the fiddle - neither of them attended school.

S.H. Brown THURSDAY, FEB'Y 19 Wind high & keen from N.W. - very icy. Again at Court - Some business was transacted in the morning in which all the judges participated - then Messrs Skinner & Williams retired leaving Judge Aiken to manage alone - the B. & H. cause being again called up made the whole employment during the susequent part of the day. It was so late before the testimony was got through with as to render it necessary to light candles. Mr Hall on the part of the plaintiff made the opening plea, which, though not so highly adorned & set off with classical phrases yet in my opinion it was a very fair and honest exposition of facts as they had been brought up before the Court & Jury. He, being through - some conversation between the Court & lawyers ensued - after which an adjournm't took place till tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock. This was amost tedious trial - So many long depositions were read & examined, so much said previous to their exhibition, so many cases of Law were read over, besides the examination of witnesses, that the trial was drawn out to a most unusual length. The witnesses on the part of the plaintiff who testified, I think were Mr Jo House, Mr B. Harwood, Mr I. Judd, Mr Stutely M. Watson, Mr N.F. Champney & Mr Erastus Montague - what they attempted to prove by them was what Mrs Hinman did with property which she ought to have divided with her son-in-law Mr Brown, according to contract - and that they were tenants in common. Their depositions from Charlotte, Vt., went to show how the landed property in that quarter had been handled, which with the circumstances adduced by the witnesses here shewed plainly that many sly tricks had been played pff by that eccentric female character to obtain the full control of the property which jointly belonged to her and her son-in-law, and which she in her will had disposed of as her own - to recover which this action was now bro't by B. Brown the administrator on the estate of S. Brown vs J E Hinman - one of the executors of Annis Hinman deceased.







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To do away all this they endeavored to show that since 1811 the tenancy in common had ceased through the death of Mrs Brown &c - and that the settlement of their accounts before Auditors, June 1813, was a final bar to everything relative to the estate of Capt Hinman before or since that date - that however unjust that decision might have been in point of fact - as Mr B. had an equal chance with her to exhibit his claims to them, & if he neglected to bring forward anything - it must so remain - their report being final. It was conceded by the counsel for the plaintiff that the audit settled all concerns of the parties as co-tenants up to that period, but was unwilling to allow it to have that bearing upon after transactions attributed to it by the opposite side - the Judge coincided with them and allowed them to prosecute any claims they should set up not including anything decided by sd audit. Their depositions, that is Hinman's, were numerous & lengthy - I do not recollect many of them.

That of Benj. Hinman related to long conversations with his late sister Annis and neice Betsey H. Brown showing that everything was divided &c. - that of Mr Josiah West went emphatically to the same point - but not that there were writings drawn to that effect - the witnesses examined were gen. Robinson, T. Squier, & Dr N. Swift - the first was relative to the audit & the paper containing the report of that body - appeared pretty well acquainted with the paper except a part of the hand writing which he did not undertake to say to whom he thought it attributable &c. Sd paper was handed over to the Jury accompanied by the gen's testimony. Mr S. as near as I can recollect stated what he did, much abt making out the Inventory - their keeping their property separate &c By Dr Swift who was the very last witness on the stand, they meant to prove the severance of property, but he could recollect very little respecting the affairs of the deceased parties - knew of no division of their property - Mrs H. always appeared to him to be anxious to have the property descend to her grand-son, Sam'l H. Brown - For a short history of the family see Journ'l Dec'r 1815 & April 1819. I was called & sworn as a witness, on the part of P. Brown, but not obliged to testify. To know more of this business see Court records & Lawyers papers. M. L. Bennet chiefly & ably managed this cause for the plaintiff, assisted by Hiland Hall. On the part of the defendant were employed the able talents and experience of Chauncey Langdon, T. Squier & D. Robinson Jun'r. It wast noon on Friday when the Jury were permitted to retire with their papers &c. Returned a verdict in the eve'g in favor of defendant \$1424.81" Jurors of this town on sd cause were Mos's Hurd Jr Luman Norton & Asa Hyde.

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Joseph  
Ray.

FRUDAY, FEB'Y 20 A most brilliant day - wind south. Worked at the woodpile as usual in these days. Joseph Ray as he called himself, a man with a grey round-about over his coat, from thirty five to thirty seven years of age, applied to us for a job at flax dressing - offered to do all for three & a half cents pr lb - but having partly engaged it to Mr Kent, we dismissed him with a draught of cider. Henry & Justin visited town P.M. toward night returned & fired at mark - In the morning Henry carried mother abroad in a cutter. J. Rog. visit'd us this eve'g - We could show one young calf at the barn - the son of Old Line, so called.

Young  
stock.

SATURDAY, FEB'Y 21 Hazy, rather mild - a good deal thawy & muddy. Same business again. Mr Kent came over to get out flax, but merely made a beginning - had to go to E. Fay Jun'rs in order to put his lower barn to rights - the late winds having very much canted it to the E. Pitt's Godfrey on Friday morn'g marched down by here from tow'd the M't with a fox in his hand. Henry hunted in our woods some part of this day - Justin read novels - went to the book store & got the Pilot.







Mrs Craw- Mrs Polly Crawford paid us a visit - settled acc'ts (\$5.95") up to this  
ford. date - found due us \$1.00 - towards evening conveyed her to her house E.  
E. part of the town - returned to the Court House about sun-set - saw  
numbers of people who had been attending court. Rec'd from O.C. Merrill  
towards pork and butter a three dollar bill, Utica Bank, No. 579 dated  
July 1 1819, signed H. Huntington, President. Received from H. H. Fas-  
sett a New Brunswick, N.J. bank note of three dollars - No. 2006 - dated  
23rd May 1812 - signed John Bray, President which including forty two  
cents, was in full for beef carried to M. L. Selden on the 5th of Janua-  
ry. Exchanged specie at Dr Swift's store with Edward for bills to the  
am't of three dollars - a two dollar note on Springfield Bank, Ms - No .  
341 signed J. Hooker, Pres't - dated August 1 st 1822 and another of one  
dollar on Windsor Bank, Vt., month left blank & with nothing to denote  
the year except the figures 18 - appeared to be an unfinished if not a  
bad bill - signed A. Forbes, President - R. Campbell, Cash'r - No. 231  
Wrote the above this Sunday eve'g Feb'y 22 1824

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Feb'y Bo't at the Dr's 3 gallons molasses & 1 lb white brown sug - charged  
1824 \$1.25" - came home after dark - Ben Hand Jun'r played the fiddle here  
this eve'g - Norman Norton of the party - Martindale accompanied him  
B. Hand home.

SUNDAY, FEB'Y 22 Snowed lightly from N.W. all day - moderate & thawy  
early in the day - but gre cold fasy P.M. & at nt -  
Father went to meeting at the meeting-house - Mr Kent visited us this  
evening. Got but little time to read - Perused 13th of Ezekiel this mor-  
ning. This night about 12 o'clock the valuable tannery of Jay Ballard  
of Algiers Street was destroyed by fire - supposed to have been communi-  
cated by means of a stove-pipe.

MONDAY, FEB'Y 23 Searching N.W. breeze - some hazy - Had a bad cold,  
troubled with cold feet. Settled book accounts with  
Acc't J. Rogers J. Rogers up to this date, but did not include everything. His charges  
for shoemaking since last Feb'y (and it must be remembered that he did  
not pursue his business during summer & autumn) amounted to more than  
\$10. On our part were articles of account \$5.33" - note \$7.12" - anothe-  
r of \$3.00 - being in all \$15.45" - besides which there was a balance  
of \$2.20 due for butter, which bro't him in debt, if I am correct, \$7.57"  
for which he gave his note. We talked respecting house-rent - agreed  
that two years rent, thirty dollars, should satisfy for repairs made by  
J. Rogers, up to Sept 27, 1823 - calculated to continue through the pres-  
ent year in that dwelling at \$15. Agreed with him to receive about \$5.  
in lumber of Charles Thatcher on his acc't - P.M. sawed wood awhile &  
then with J. Rog. rode in the cutter to town - shewed my paper cash to  
F. Blackmer who, according to the best of his judgment pronounced it good  
- Jon proceeded to Algiers, made an eve'g there and returned late with  
his lady who had been gallanted to her father's by S. H. Brown at an  
earlier period of the day. I visited the Book-store & Printing Office -  
borrowed of Chas Doolittle a small Vol of Miscellany - went into Court  
a few moments - at Cushman's forwarded by a stranger Dama's letter to  
S. Waters, Arlington, Vt. Left with Ed. H. Swift \$8.00 in bills (de-  
scribed, except a one dollar on Union Bank of the p. opposite) to send  
it to Jo. Garey, Troy, N.Y. - See p. 468. Walked home accomp'd by Maj  
L. Norton. B. Loomis here this evening. Bisbee at J. Rogers this morn-  
ing promised me money by March 6 -







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 Kent  
 S. Martin-  
 dale.  
 Boys.

TUESDAY, FEB'Y 24 Keen searching cold - wind N.W. - cldy morning but fair P.M. Did not attempt anything like steady busi-  
 nedd abr'd till P.M. - then we worked up wood for the stove till the hou-  
 hour of dodd'g. Mr Kent & friend Parsons paid their respects to us to-  
 ward eve'g - the former filed my saw in J.R's shop - I this morning as-  
 sisted Mr Sion Martindale in getting a wagg. ld of barley - saw 40 bhls,  
 up the Parsons hill with (our) oxen - he was going to Lansingburgh for  
 Reynolds Carpenter - Justin looked after his traps, and pursued his  
 novels - H. Debar was in the service of L. Norton - supposed to be gone  
 to Salem, N.Y. to get empty sleigh - found some good political sentiment  
 in the Miscellany.

Gleason  
 and his  
 Mother.  
 J. Tobias  
 J. Martin-  
 dale.

WEDNESDAY, FEB'Y 25 Cold morning - mild P.M., rather cldy & hazy - wind  
 S.W. near night - snowed some in the evening - Busy  
 at the wood - Dr Swift came to visit Mother. J. Rog. gallanted his lady  
 into town to night - a tooth or two extracted. We received the company  
 of Mr Gleason, his mother, wife, a maiden lady Mrs G's sister & Mrs Dun-  
 can. Mr G's mother was the daughter of Nathaniel Harwood, the eldest of  
 my grand-father's uncles - she was now in her 78th year - Her father  
 died about 64 years ago at the age of 60 - supposing his father to have  
 been at his, Nathaniel's, birth 25 years old, it would (place) fix the  
 time of his own birth at about 1675 - his christian name was Peter, re-  
 sided in Concord, Mass., was lame and followed the butchering business  
 for a livelihood. This is as far back as, I am informed, the Harwood's  
 can trace their ancestry. J. Rog. rec'd young company in the eve'g -  
 Julius Safford was among them. Examined Remarks on Johnson's Life of  
 gen. Greene - Wrote a letter to Jacob Tobias, Vergennes, not to buy cows  
 as talked of p. 558 - Damia, or more properly Lydia, & Damia visited S.  
 Waters at her brother's - had to return to Arlington this eve'g - Justin  
 attended to novels & gallanted the ladies.

THURSDAY, FEB'Y 26 Very high wind from S. & S.E. - snowed & hailed with  
 some rain - tolerable sleighing in the morning, but  
 the press of S. wind, clouds and a little rain carried it almost wholly  
 off by night, or at the end of the day.

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 S. Harw'd  
 Phelps &  
 lady.

violent wind & rain succeeded this night, which raised streams & brooks  
 & broke down some trees &c. Cutting and sawing wood our business, but it  
 was not attended to much P.M. on account of company. Mr Silas Harwood  
 from Rupert paid us a short visit. Justin in a cutter gallanted Mrs  
 Parsons and my Dear to Mr Eldred's, Pownal - P.M. we agreeably entertain-  
 ed - E. Montague & lady, John Phelps, lady 2 little ones, and Safford  
 Robinson & Smith Montague, not to forget Mrs P. Waters, our good cousin  
 - we were highly pleased with so much good & lively company - Sally ar-  
 rived in time to enjoy a few moments with them. Emily Robinson arrived  
 here late P.M. - New Eng'd Tale was read this eve'g.

H. Debar

FRIDAY, FEB'Y 27 Wind most violent from S.W. all the forep't of the  
 day - toward night grew more from N.W., froze in the  
 eve'g. Contin'd busy with wood. J. Martindale assisted T.C.P. in gett-  
 ing a small l'd of wood from gen. R's woods - and attended to Novels.  
 Hopkins was ill, and cried much at night - H. Debar tarried with us a  
 night - worked at Norton's a days. They finished the New England Tale, I  
 think this night.

SATURDAY, FEB'Y 28 Cold, blue, cloudy & frozen - wind high N.W. We stuck  
 to the wood - Mr Kent dressed 8 lbs 5 oz flax -







J. Rog Justin visited town & bro't home 2d Vol of the Pilot, which was warefully read this eve'g - J. Rog. & lady visited Algiers to tarry all night at Mr Capt Fay G's - We bo't of Capt Fay two bhl baskets for which paid 16 lbs pork. Three ladies of color were drowned at Whipple's works in Shaftsbury on Blacks the night of the 26th inst. by the upsetting of a wagg. on a small bridge drowned. which was covered with water.

SUNDAY, FEB'Y 29 Clear, dry & sharp cold, wind N.W. Mother was very ill - Dr Swift was sent for by J. Martindale - he came & staid conversing with fither & Parsons a long while - Read Biogra G.Smedley phy - wrote most of a letter to G. Smedley, Litchfield, S. Farms - Father was unwell - Justin, after returning from Pownal, assisted at the barn - The youngest of 2 calves was 4 days old - Newell Squires was published to Ruth Blackmer.

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March 1824 MONDAY, MARCH 1 Clear & very cold - dry, hobby - wd N.W. Sawed wood more or less till past 2 o'clock & then in the l g h Emily wag gallanted Damia to Waters' & cousin Emily to her brother Uel's - Robinson. Bo't at Dr Swift's a broom on cr. at 1/0 - procured a phiol of medicine Broom . for mother - saw there E. Waters, Mr Wood his journy'n, Luther Park, Spencer Lyon and somebody else. From the Hill rode down to Hicks', found several young beaux of my acquaintance there & among others in the bar-room was my friend Maj Haynes who said he should soon be 45 yrs old. Chas It was Mr Ball's last day of dancing school for this district - While he Ball. played I listened out side in the hall to enjoy some of his fine melodie - kept my place till the dance was ended, the sun being low in the west, his scholars appeared to be let out for a short recess, the door was thrown open wide and Mr B. himself came there - his stern eye met mine, he asked me if I wanted anything? "No Sir" - he soon repeated the same question - and I replied - "Not anything", which was all the intercourse I have ever had with this celebrated Dancing Master - came down stairs - J. Martin-dale drove to Waters' - left horse & waggon there for Damia & Justin - arriv-ed here before sunset - with assistance from H. Debar did choars at the H. Debar. barn & in the eve'g read newspaper to father & mother - Parsons being a part of the time present. Father contin'd out of health. Justin worked for us A.M. - P.M. went to town - Henry spent his day mostly at J. Rog's.

(WEDNESDAY) TUESDAY, March 2 Extremely cold in the m'g - Dry N.W. wind all day - grew mild P.M. Great part of the A.M. in Jon's shop - remainder of the day sawed wood. Kent got out 8 lbs 6 oz Boys. flax. Henry played the fiddle - Justin read Novels & looked to his Letter to traps. Hen. assisted at the barn at night. Finished my letter to G. Smedley Smedley at night.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3 Fine till past noon - then a little hazy - much less cold & windy than it had been - wind N.W. Henry & Justin chopped wood all day.

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March 1824 Kent got out 9 lbs 5 oz flax. Father sawed some wood - carried saw to b be filed at Waters'. Procured some things for the benefit of Mother's sore mouth. After sawing wood awhile, took oxen & wagg., drove by old Mr Greene's to Chas Thatxher's, Algiers, his wife was absent going to her father's - said her huzbnd had gone to her unze's to work - she would inform of him what I wanted - While waiting went to Mr Olin's - gound him & his lady in the shop - he making sashes - she washing - they offer ed to sell me a good loom for \$10. - At last Thatcher arrived - assisted me in loading about 593 feet - narrow spruce boards - intended chiefly







for flooring - about 220 feet calculated for fencing, not so good quality put at 90" pr hund - the others were calculated at 100" pr hund. - considered them high - the whole amounted to \$5.75" on J.Rog's acc't - making Thatcher & him even. While here saw Esqr Thayer - his brother Sim - Sam Jun'r - and a great drove of Crawford's and Crawford connexions. Father cut the W. hay mow which was pretty full yet. Examined a short view of the lead mines of Missouri.

THURSDAY, MARCH 4 Fine, fair & mild. All hands employed on the wood-pile - father took down the old broken wood-saw which went very decently - the boys worked for us about 3/4's of the day and then got a load of wood for J. Rogers. Mr Kent got out 6 lbs 10 oz flax - commenced his work late. Dr Swift visited mother.

FRIDAY, MARCH 5 Very fair and unusually warm - wind S.W. - same business continued - father performed as much as his health would admit of. Henry worked all day - Justin had the b---Y ache - took the horses to Algiers A.M. to get them shod - but returned without accomplishing the business - chopped wood P.M. - evening got things in town for Mother - Kent had cart & oxen to go to Wid. Green's to gdt 600 of hay. Capt Brown this P.M. came over & paid in full for our attendance at Court at the rate of 50" pr day - three dollars - for which gave a receipt signed B. & H. Harwood - The Capt. talked a good while. Very sleepy this eve'g.

SATURDAY, MARCH 6 Very mild - yellow hazy - dry walking - rained in the night - At the wood again - Henry & Justin chopped all day, but didn't finish the pile. Mr Kent dressed 9 lb 10 Oz flax. Left work myself tow'd night, and walked to town - got no money of B's fees - got Vermont <sup>STATE</sup> Note Papers & read this eve'g. Robinson & Hatheway's trial came on. J.Rog. came over and talked till late this eve'g. Bo't comb on credit of F. Blackmer & Co., price 8"

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March 1824 Capt P. Btown & his nephew S.H. started for Connecticut this P.M.

SUNDAY, MARCH 7 Much wind & rain from the S. very muddy. Finished my writing - then read Vermont State Papers to father in which we found great entertainment concerning the N.Y'k controversy &c. Henry & Justin had a muddy & wet ride to & from W.Creek on h back.

Monday, MARCH 8 Flying clouds - chilling high wind from N.W. Busy at the wood pile - father cut small wood - Henry went home with his horse to Norton's - did n't return till night. Justin & N. Norton spent the A.M. in the woods hunting their traps which they at length found, the one having in it a raccoon, the other was carried a little way up a tree by another raccoon which had contrived to make his escape. P.M. Justin assisted at the wood-pile. Mr Kent dressed 6 lb 15 oz flax - Abraham Brown & J.Rogers settled accounts - the former gave his note for \$11.87" to the latter. We settled with B. and rec'd a due bill of him towards labor performed last summer - three dollars and fifty cents & an order on Jed. Dewey for one dollar, which balanced our accounts on that score. Transacting the above business made most of this evenings employment.

TUESDAY, MARCH 9 Fine for business - my work varied not from what it had been - father was too unwell to do much - went to Waters' & had the old broken saw & J.Rog's new one filed - charged to us. J.Rog. went to mill in the big wag. for himself & neighbors -







Boys Henry & Justin felled a great oak tree in Brown's woods for J.Rog. & chopped it into 8 feet cuts - Henry after this went to Mr Wallens' 2d day wedding - Pownal pine woods - Miss Ab Magoon being the bride - Mr Bisbee paid me 13 dollars in bills & by the hand of J.Rog 62-1/2 cents, which rendered payment in full for the pork purchased Nov. 18 - p 478 -

O.W. O. W. Daniels a lade of 16 being here from Pow'l with Nelson & H. Duncan

Daniels offered to work 7 months at \$5. pr month. We agreed to inform him by the 14th what we would do about it. Read St Papers at n't.

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March 1824 WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10 Fine, good day for business - mild, wind N.W. Sawed wood. Father gave up to his cold and kept within, most of the day. Justin encountered the oak, alone, this morning, with beetle & wedges, awhile, but finding it too formidable, returned & waited till noon and then being joined by J.Rog. who took with our ~~xxx~~ oxen made out a good P.M's work - Mr Kent on the 9th dressed 8 lbs 11 oz & this day 10 lbs flax - in all 67.14" to this date. J.Martindale Jun pd me 3/6 in full for seal leather for a pair of boots made at J.Rog's in Feb'y. Henry returned at night from the south. A.Brown pd me a sh't

H.Debar. vis't this P.M. - talked much of bad times. My little boy suffered

Ab Brown. greatly from a bad cold - very cross - J.Rog's little girl was sick &

J.Rog's at night he rode away to get the Doct. - Ben Hand - mention him on the morrow.

THURSDAY, MARCH 11 Flying clouds, not cold, but chilly - wind N.W. Bus's the same - father unwell - Dr Swift gives him pills which at length do him good. The Doctor informed us that when he first commenced practice his intention was to have gone to Grand Isle to reside, but the day on which he crossed over from the main proved boisterous, which rendered his passage extremely difficult & unpleasant - totally weaning him from the idea of becoming an Islander - that with other causes conspired to establish him here. J.Rog. with H.Debar &

Boys. J. Martindale Jun worked at the oak in Brown's woods. Kent dressed 9

Kent. lbs 7 oz flax. Ben Hand Jun played the fid. for us ev'g. Mr Parsons

B.Hand. paid us a visit this evening.

FRUDAY, MARCH 12 Hazy, cloudy & thawy, muddy - wind S. snow'd night. Father continued ill. Mr Bliss had his usual jug filled with vinegar and related something of a tour lately performed to the W. by Capt. Robinson. I rode off in the 1 h. wagg'n - spent a littl

L. Bliss time at Clark's B. Store - called awhile at D.R's shop - played a few

D.Clark. Receipt of pieces on H.W's fife - he was then at work - visited Fass'ts - saw D.

J.Gary Clk - got a promise of cash by town meeting day. Left there the note taken up by Bisbee on the 9th inst. At Dr Swift's rec'd my receipt for \$7.94" per the hand of Jethro Gary - who paid over the same & took 6" compensation - I must not omit to say that at Edgerton's rec'd for Mr

Kent. Kent 1 bhl rye - which car'd to mill & bro't away other grists for Par-

Ballard's sons & J. Rog. Called on my return at Ballard's & pd on a \$12. note \$8. of which \$7. consisted of paper.

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March 1824 At B's G. Potter having horse & cart was removing ruins from the scite of his late tenancy - Saw Mr Vail there - Called & informed Mr Dewey's people that Jedediah would find the money for my rates, or more properly our rates \$12.10 at F.Blackmer & Co's which I did leave accordingly - Stephen Dewey being present. Bo't on cr 4 lbs sug. at 11" & 1 hand-saw file - 0/9 - all 57". Bro't down for a visit Mrs Bliss & Mrs P.Watera. Henry D. gallanted them home again. Kent dressed 10 lbs flax.







SATURDAY, MARCH 13 The snow & hail which fell in the night and covered the ground this morning soon melted away, leaving the roads extremely muddy & unpleas't - cold chilling blasts from N.W. - flying clouds. J.Rog's assisted by Brown with his team & H. Debar, not forgetting Justin's mite - drew down a quantity of his oak - used our oxen half a day - Mr Kent got out 8 lbs flax - Justin employed most of his day in hunting. Father had not yet recovered his health, but could be about among his cattle - A 3 yr old steer got badly bruised in his right fore leg. P.M. had business in town - left tubs at Clark's to be sent to Montague's to receive sugar according to his order. Returned the Vt State Papers and took out "Rambles in Italy" from the Library. At Fassett's gen Robinson, uncle S.R., Nat. Weeks & others being present some talk was had on old times &c. Mr Parsons paid us a vis't here P.M. At the barn there was the third young calf for the seas'n.

SUNDAY, MARCH 14 Cloudy & chilly - surface of the gr'd thawed - Perused Rambles in Italy with no great degree of ecstasy - Some I liked, some I cared for but little - found him a lover of American Lib'y. Father grew better - performed usual business at the barn, but was an absentee from church. Our unfortunate steer had to be despatched to end his misery - for it was found upon examination that a bone about the shoulder blades had been misplaced - mortification had commenced. J.Rog., B.Loomis executed this sad task, which included skinning - The loss was trifling, because he was a poor ill made creature, under size. Justin visited & returned from his father's. Orrin W. Daniels agreed to come here to work - 1st Monday in April.

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March 1824 Monday, MARCH 15 Fair with some flying clouds, chilling breeze from NW - the morning was pretty severe. Splitting & piling wood constituted the main business - Henry assisting. Kent got out 9 lb flax. Justin went to see David Rutenbur respecting his intended apprenticeship at the joiners trade. With us Justin since Dec'r 20th had boarded 10 weeks - towards which there was due 9 days labor, which he is to pay next haying - we throwing off sufficient to make it just at that time - he paid me for the calf skin by giving up a demand on us for 10 qts cider brandy - 6/6 - and a scythe snath - 4/6 - leaving us on that score 0/6 in his debt - s'd skin he received sometime in the winter. Pr J. Martindale rec'd on acc't of C. Bisbee 6 lbs veal, fore quart'r, making with what had been before rec'd 9-1/2 lbs at 4 cents. H. Debar boarded here this seas'n 74 days. J. Rogers, H. Debar & J. Martindale were highly delighted this eve'g opening elm logs with powder. H. Debar Bo't 1/2 lb powder, on my acc't, at F.B. & CO's. It was reported that our cheese agent at N.Y. had cleared out of the country.

TUESDAY, MARCH 16 Snowed more or less all day from S. or S.E. Erected a temporary covering over a part of the wood-pile E. o of the regular pile. Piling wood was the chief business - Henry assisted an hour or two - Mr Kent dressed 11 lbs 11 oz flax - which bro't that business to final close - there being in all 116 lbs good quality. Justin Martindale Jun'r departed, this morning, for D. Rutenbur's, to learn the carpenter & joiners business - leaving due here 9 days labor toward board, the value of which he engaged to pay the ensuing haying in work or money. He will arrive at the age of 21 toward the end of 1825 or in Jan 1826

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17 Snowed moderately all day - from S. - Dr Swift visited here between 9 & 10 A.M. - seemed to give some credit to the story of Cheesebro's running away - made some close remark







Dr Swift on my bargain with friend Goodale of Whitehall - which went to show that I had traded but shelly indeed - however he did not hear the best of it which may be seen by turning to p. 319 I made choice of this day

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March 1824 to take the census of the scholars in Dist. No. 2 residing in it on the first inst. Began my route at Parsons' - talked sometime about late transactions in this neighborhood - at Kent's only made inquiry about the children - pushed over to Smith's - P. & W. arrived from their N. School District No. 2 woods with a large quantity maple log which they dragged up behind a team of 4 - one of their oxen had his hind foot badly bruised - saw a quantity of wood snugly placed away in the woodhouse - My stay was short here - visited Green's - saw Mrs G. in the stoop - informed me that they had but 1 child to be placed on the list - shewed me a little girl of colour belonging to the T's poor - marched on to J. Norton's Jun's - staid only long enough to be told that they had 2 little scholars. The next house I visited was S. Loomis' - dined there - heard Mrs L. relate her domestic -----, they numbered 4 including S. Jewett - Went next to R. Carpenter's whose household affairs seemed to wear a promising aspect under the care of his new spouse - his number was five, of which Norman Eldred was one - tarried perhaps half an hour talking of this & that - dairy business &c. On my way cross lots to G. House's found great quantities of rails ready for use - viewed the old Billing's stand on which time has made a lasting impression - examined the interior of the old barn in which there is but a small supply of hay - At Gideon's found him with Mr Hand in the lower kitchen where the latter was employed at coopering - talked awhile - they numbered two - Dan Hand & McEwen boy. Walked over to J. Ayres' where they were taking a late dinner - Mr A. being present - his lady informed me that she was the eldest of her father's family - had been married 11 years - entered her 33d year on the last of Jan 1824 - She remembered seeing my grandfather & his 2d wife at her father's several times - Called at Dimmicks - Noble was there - they numbered 3. From their house went to L. Jewett's, meeting J. F. Billing & talking a moment with him on the way. At J's found 2 scholars - closed the day calling

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March 1824 at E. Fay Jun's & at L. Norton's shop - My whole list amounted to 59 in No. J. Rog. drew 4 lds wood for himself & a good one for Kent with our bullocks. This eve'g we were highly entertained with E. Fay's remarks on the Walker girls who had been supported by the town - Green the keeper had sent them away in a sleigh driven by Ben Dibble - whom F. ludicrously called 'The Devil' - F. came up to get Parsons to mend shoes for him - 9 at night.

THURSDAY, MARCH 18 Cloudy, rather chilly, not cold, wind S. snow very thin, mean sleighing. Henry drove for the children to ride to school in the cutter - by the same conveyance carried Mother to Ballard's where left 49 lbs hide and 56 cents in money to be endorsed on the \$12. note - told my errand to his lady - himself being gone to Timmouth - assisted remainder of the day at the wood - J. Rogers & H. Debar helped Parsons draw 4 loads wood from the Robinson wood-lot as I was informed. Parsons & C. Brown were here this evening and talked of school affairs - Anson Fox arrived from Whitehall in a 1 h wag. bringing chestnut washtub, iron bound and 6 pails with iron hoops & bails - the whole being painted according to contract - Fox went to Montague's & staid over night - next m'g started on horse-back to go to Hadley M's to see his parents there.







FRIDAY, MARCH 19 Cloudy - hazy - wind S. - snowed drivingly at night  
 Rode with mother to C's Bookstore - found no Spy  
 J.Rog's. there - called at Dr Swift's - Assisted at the wood all the subsewuent  
 H.Debar. part of the day - sloppy, muddy walking. J.Rog. assisted by H.Debar dre  
 drew a ld of wood for himself & 2 lds butternut wood for us from against  
 the N.W. corner of the Trazy field - P.M. those gent's went a hunting on  
 Mount Anthony or in its neighborhood - Debar returned with 2 grey squir-  
 rels which he killed with John Hicks' gun. T.C.Parsons visited us this  
 eve'g - Nine years since my wedding.

SATURDAY, MARCH 20 Cloudy - wind S. till tow'd 2 P.M. then it commenced  
 blowing from N.W. - became clear & very cold at  
 night - Worked at the wood till between 2 & 3 P.M. when E.Montague  
 called to see us - talked with him awhile - and then marched for town -  
 S.Robinsonpopped my head into Merrill & R's office where they were having the tria  
 Jr. trial of cousin S.R's business with his mother-in-law &c. - went to  
 Clark's - read some in Frank's Life - took out again the Rambles in  
 Italy.

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March A. S.Fassett's saw uncle S.Robinson - in H.Rob's store saw & conversed  
 1824 with J. Loomis Jun'r who had been driving stage on a 12 mile route run-  
 ning S. from Peekskill - ar \$16 per month - Visited Cushman's where ther  
 there were J.H.Olin, U.Edgerton. H.Hall, W.Green & others  $\frac{3}{4}$  Again at M &  
 R's office - Looked at Law books - went down to H. & Blackmer's - read  
 the old School Act - Mr Hand & G.House entetained - the former had ob-  
 tained a bill of divorce from his wife - Came home and read through the  
 Boys Gazette for Tuesday Mar. 23. J.Rog. & H.Debar spent most of the day a  
 hunting W. & N.W. of the the house, but I believe found no game - Deb'r  
 assisted at the barn at night. Ben Hand played a few tunes here about  
 Blackmer. noon. This P.M. bo't on cr of F.B.& Co 1 lb tea - Handed to Dexter  
 Jed. Faxon an order on Jed Dewey for \$1. signed Abraham Brown - requested him  
 Troy. to hand it to D. the first opportunity - F. had just returned from Troy  
 - bro't flour for Capt Hyde which cost \$6.75" pr bbl.

SUNDAY, MARCH 21 Clear & very cold - wind N.W. Besides my usual empl  
 J.Martindale ployment in this book, found time to read "Rambles  
 in Italy", which pleased me very well. J.Martindale spent most of the  
 G.Lyman day here. George Lyman 2d son of Dr L. of Troy was published to widow  
 Catherine Robinson, formerly the partner of the late M.D.R.

MONDAY, MARCH 22 Thick, hazy, & P.M. cloudy - wind S. - We worked at  
 H.Debar. the wood - Henry performed a good days work with bee  
 Mrs Dick- tle & wedges - Mrs Dickinson happened here this P.M. G.House took away  
 inson. his hams this evening. J.Rog. & lady paid us a lively visit till 10 at  
 night. Mary Waters staid awhile P.M. - paid 25" for 2 lbs butter -  
 Perused "Rambles" which told of many fine paintings by great masters at  
 Florence.

TUESDAY, MARCH 23 Very cloudy, light wind from S. Between 12 & 3 P.M.  
 snowed powerfully some part of the time, ended in  
 E.Fay Jr fine rain - wind S. & cloudy to the end of the day. No variation in bus  
 drawing. iness except seny sent to assist with oxen in drawing E.Fay Jun'r  
 Tupper barn up to the back part side of his father's house for a wood  
 house.







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March 1824 Mr Jesse Field & lady paid father & mother a visit - the former said he entered his 75th year on the 6th Dec'r 1823 - This P.M. I made out my list of scholars in Dist. No. 2, March 1 1824 - which in number amounted to 59 - & from March 1 1823 to March 1 1824 a school had been kept 48 weeks - Copied my list into the book of Rec'ds - Chas Brown visited us this eve'g from whom I received an acc't of the length of time in which a school had been taught, kept &c. Dama with Cath. Rog. visited Algiers - left at the mill for Mrs Crawford 1 bhl corn, & bro't home a grist of rye for Mr Kent. Mrs Parsons was here early in the evening & said her husband had a bad pain in one side - was afraid he would have a fever - Mr Bisbee brought report by way of Deacon Dimmick that his cheeses & ours sent to N. York per Cheesebro sold heavily - 4 cents per lb being all that could be obtained for it.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24 Cloudy, wind S. or S.W. - clear tow'd night. Again at the wood - Henry in his easy way assisted until noon, including his riding to Chandler's to get beetle rings put on - PM went hunting & to Capt Norton's - in the eve'g J.Rog. went there to get corn & brandy - Went to Parson's on an errand - saw him sick-a-bed, bad pain in the left side. Mr Kent spent a little time with this P.M. Died this morning in his 55th year at his brother-in-law's (gov. Tichenor's) Mr Stephen Kemp - was never married. He was naturally a well disposed person. On (Wed) Tuesday eve'g the couple published on Sunday was married by A. Peters' at gov. Tichenor's - went home to Troy this morning.

THURSDAY, MARCH 25 Rainy in the morning - wind changed N.W. before noon Held so through the day - with flying clds. The chimney was burnt out, stove cleared out, ashes taken up &c. then spent the principal part of day working at wood - turned grindstone for Mr Kent, who to pay for it filed saw. Henry employed great part of day firing at mark - accompanied by J. Rog. & towards night night by N. Norton - hunted too & wounded & took a crow - J.Rog., his wife, myself & lady were at Parsons - talked about tickets &c. P. getting better

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FRIDAY, MARCH 26 Fine & fair A.M. some hazy & cloudy P.M. - air rather sharp - wind N.W. - thawy & muddy. The main business was pruning app. trees - Mr Kent made a leach tub hooped with iron J.F. Billing's came here towards night - wanted to see Rog. - went away soon. J.Rog. & W. Debar hunted pigeons & squirrels all day. Great flocks of the former were hourly flying over. C. Stone rec'd her little company at J.Rog's - C. Rog. arrived from Algiers full of the wedding & other news.

SATURDAY, MARCH 27 Very fine till toward night, then hazy & cloudy - muddy, bad travelling. In great doubt this morning about what course to pursue - prepared to go on horseback to Petersburg Before going off a cow lost a haorn in a rencounter with another. J. Rog's assisted in putting tar on the pith. Rode as far as L. Staunton's - enquired of his lady if she knew any girl that wished to hire to spin wool - answered in the negative - but finally faintly mentioned one or two. Rode to the meeting house - went into Squires' store - folowed out a young man of whom made the same enquiry - about that inst a young lady came along leading a horse having on its back a bag of grain to whom I was introduced - made a sort of bargain with her to come & spin for us early in June - said her name was Merrills - 27 yrs of age - Presently after, she having left me to go into the store my friend F. Mor







gan marched up to me & said saluted me - I returned the compliment & on enquiry respecting my lady found her reputation bad - had a bad habit of taking more was her own sometimes - so in my mind I was resolved this should be no bargain. My route ended here - saw a number of persons in about the store - among others was Capt. S.Squires. F.Morgan's brother appeared to be removing his family & effects from near the meeting house to his father's. Before getting home stopped & talked awhile with J.Norton Jr respecting school affairs - informed him that I had posted up a notification for a school meeting on the 3d April next. At home father informed me that H. Edgerton informed him that cheese in N. Y. sold from 1" to 4" pr lb. - assisted a trimm&g app. trees

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March J. Rog. went to see about John Pierce - procured a writ for Mr gentleman  
1824 Having pursued his chief amusement, hunting, played the fiddle &c.  
H.Debar Dan Hand came up & played a few good pieces for us. Two young ladies,  
B. Edgerton & C. Waters paid their compliments to us this P.M.

SUNDAY, MARCH 28 Wind, S.E. cloudy - rained towards night - rather gloomy. In the forepart of the day wrote Journ'l  
Bible. and assisted J.Rog. at posting books - read some in the Bible respecting Solomon's Temple and about the ark of the covenant, tabernacle &c.  
We found by calculation that Solomon's brazen sea contained 75 bbls & 4 gallons - J.Martindale Jr staid here a part of the day - went to Pown'l. H.W. came down towards the close of the day - staid perhaps an hour or & then marched off again. Our little boy was quite unwell. Spencer's child was thought to be dangerously ill,

MONDAY, MARCH 29 Clouds came from S.E. rained on mountains & towards evening & during great part of the night rained &  
Kent. snowed - very bad travelling. A.M. Mr Kent hooped an old vinegar bbl for us - and by hooping the leach tub still more made out about 3/4's a days labor - We cut up some more wood at which I assisted till # P.M.  
B.Loomis. then accompanied by B. Loomis with a ld of corn for the store of Dr Swift - marched to town - carrying with me to Waters' a piece of timber for making whippetrees - and books to Clark's where I enjoyed some pleas't moments reading in the 1st Vol of Franklin's Life - Took out  
Harmon's the Library Harmon's Journal. Saw at C's young Stebb Walbridge., Sol C.  
Journal. Col Merrill & uncle S. Robinson - In the wagg. read Harmon's Journal -  
H.Debar passed his time in his usual style hunting & ----- H.W. & J.  
Martindale Martindale Jr staid here this dark muddy night - they came here with a view of hearing B. & D. Hand fidd. - but they were not here.

TUESDAY, MARCH 30 Very foggy early in the day - clouds ensued from N.W rained & snowed P.M. - frozen at night - ground wet & spongy. The state of the weather was such as to forbid much being done abr'd. Father assisted Mr Kent,

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March at sawing off dry app. tree limbs which we let the latter have for prun-  
1824 ing. - found team & sled to draw the same to his door - charged for the team. Was employed sometime in erecting a leach - then beetled manure in the little meadow 2 hours before noon - After dinner conversation was carried on between Mr K., J.Rog. Parsons &c. Slept till 2 o'clock on account of having been kept awake by our boy the preceding night. P.M. resumed business in the meadow which I stuck to till Montague came along - with whom we all eventually retired to the house & talked of various everyday affairs - drank cid. & ate apples. As it was stormy nothing of importance ensued. Forwarded pr Montague my list of scholars for the Dist. to the T.Clerk for March 1 1824. Henry fired at mark during some parts of the day. Read Har's Journal.







March  
Meeting.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31 Slightly frozen in the morn'g, cldy - wind chilly from NW - March Meeting - Wm Henry Moderator - had p prayer by Mr Peters - then by ballot Wm Haswell was chosen Clk - by 56 majority - In like manner Charles Cushman, David Henry, Enos Rudd, Green Blackmer & S Pratt Jun'r were chosen Selectmen - Sol Safford Treasurer,  $\frac{3}{4}$  A.R. Robinson, S. T. Robinson, E. Fillmore, T. Harvey & L. Norton were app'd Listers (no) Turner Hills, 1st Constable & Collector, Norman Edgerton 2d Constable - David Love was an unsuccessful candidate - The report of the settling committee was read by W. Haswell, from which it appeared that the town was good except \$100 except some small demands for Att'y fees - the taxes voted were for the support of the poor & contingent expenses -  $\frac{1}{4}$  cents on the dollar - and for building bridges, repairing roads &c  $\frac{3}{4}$  do - The interest of the school fund was voted to be drawn for the supp't of schools on the first of March 1825 - The committee to settle with treasurer & selectmen the ensuing year were # Wm Henry, Steph. Robinson & Wm Haswell. We had a pretty mild meeting, got in season to take care of our cattle &c. J.E. Robinson of N.Y. attended our meeting & saluted many of his old friends.

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April

I this day received from David Ruttenbur towards butter \$1.25" leaving 6" due - and from the hand of D. Clark on account of butter deliv'd last fall \$2.00 which exclusive of the 25" pd on acc't at F. Blackmer & Co's pr the hand of J. Rogers Apl 1st. Paid at the P. Office 37-1/2" for 2 letters, the one dated at Hopkinton, N.Y. Dec 20 1823 from our cousin Henry Palmer informing that they & their relatives in that country were in health - the other of old date from J. Waterman at Brookfield, N.Y. expressive of anxiety to hear from my father and mother &c. - and requesting a paym't from uncle S. Robinson on some old affair or other. J. Rog. & H. Debar attended the meeting

Palmer  
and  
Waterman  
letters

Margaret  
Harwood.

THURSDAY, APRIL 1 Sour, cloudy & muddy - wd NW - On the same sheet on which uncle Clark wrote a letter to cousin Margaret of Petersburg I inserted a few lines informing of our health - compliments to P. Barber, Phillip's folks - and how bad cheese was selling at N.Y. which I forwarded by Mr R. Boothe who was going there shortly -

Indian  
corn.  
Hay.

We threshed out about 30 bbls Indian corn - assisted some by A. Fox who arrived late P.M. from his visit at Hadley M's - made only a short tarry - went to Montague's to spend the night. See Mar. 19. Our hay now (lays) forms a block 19 ft long - 11 high - and as many wide - with plenty of straw, potatoes, oats &c. The wood-shed was filled up except a space of a few feet sufficient perhaps to hold 3/4's of a cord - or more - had dry wood outside the large pile enough to last several weeks

Wood.

J. Rog. &  
H. Debar.

and a great supply of round sticks & logs for back logs. J. Rog. & H. Debar in the big wag. visited Algiers on a variety of business. Kent drew app. brush. Read H's Jour'l.

Kent.

FRIDAY, APRIL 2 Gloomy, muddy, cloudy - moderately stormed fine snow & rain. We finish'd threshing corn of which had on hand little more than 50 bbls - which had filled the S. crib over the floor in the barn. Kent drew app. tree brush most of the day. Our boys including P. Loomis fired at a mark in the SW part of the S. meadow.

Dr Swift

Henry went after Dr H. Swift for Hopkins who had been very ill several hours with a fever & sore mouth - the doct. came & assisted him - though he suffered much in the evening. J. Martindale Jun'r staid here this eve

J. Martin-  
dale.

'g - Read Harmon's Jour'l. Mud extremely deep - many sick about town - Dr Swift gone to N.Y.







April 1824 SATURDAY, APRIL 3 Clear & fine - chill wind NW deep from mud - We called it a broken day. Settled acc'ts with H. Debar  
 H. Debar notes. Gave him a note for cash rec'd last fall \$20.00 due 18 months from date with interest - took one of him for board to am't of \$6.00 - \$6.25" due six months from date without interest till after the first of Nov. next ensuing - Sent Henry after doct'r Heman, but he came here from Pownal across lots during the absence of H. - PM sent him to House's with timber and plans to have Mr Hand mend it with a new beam and otherwise if necessary. Our doct'r tho't Hopkins out of danger and likely to do well - With Henry rode to Capt N's & there staid some time while John assisted in reducing brandy of which they put up a bbl for Whipple of Pownal. J. Ayres & B. Noble came there and prepared themselves for keeping the night - J. Jun could not attend the school meeting - A. & I marched down, but it was so late that I chose not to shew myself to the  
 Brown's school. school - Mr Brown this day ending his year's engagement - after the school was let out L. Jewett with whom I conversed awhile in the interim, and myself, ventured in - We found Mrs Searles, Mrs Dickinson, her daughter Amelia, Mr Kent, and others besides friend Brown who had just been honored with the presence of Mr Peters & Mr Crossett. B. I believe had very well pleased a majority of his employers - others were some uneasy - it was pretty generally agreed that the scholars had learned rapidly. Business in town about selling the poor &c drew off so many that we adjourned our meeting to Wednesday the 7th inst. Mr R. Carpenter came there on his return from town and said he had bidden off the poor at \$275.00 and let W. Smith have them - said Mr Greene was highly provoked again at him &c. Mr K. & I walked home together - Parsons  
 % Calves visited here in the eve'g - J. Rog's likewise was of the party. A fifth calf was added to our stock this day - the mild white-face was its dam. Saw F. Johnson a few moments as he was riding homeward from Shaftsbury - promised to call soon.

April 1824 SUNDAY, APRIL 4 Pleasant indeed - wind gently from the N. Sun shone warm when the wind could not play too harshly. Was  
 Bible. employed much as usual - got time however to read some in the bible - found the account of Solomon's Temple in 1st Kings varied a little from what we find it in Chronicles - the former tells us that the brazen sea contained byt 2000 baths whereas the latter makes it 1/3d larger - this we might say was an oversight perhaps of the original compilers or a blunder in the translator - nothing very essential - Felt rather indisposed with a kind of stiff neck - which wore away toward night - Read H' Journal a psrt of the ev'g when not too drowsy - Father & Dama rode to meeting in the 1 h. wag. - found it very bad travelling - We had news that S. Waters of Arlington was dangerously ill. Jo Hand & H. Debar spent the day together at the S. returned here between 10 & 11 at night.  
 Judge Fay. Judge Fay was considered to be in a low state of health - fath'r visited him this day. J. Martindale Jun'r paid us a sh't visit near evening - this P.M.

MONDAY, APRIL 5 Fine nice clear day as ever came over - wind N. till late in the day - then it blew fresh from S. or SW.  
 Owen Weaver Daniels. S. & N. Rob'son We worked during the early hours of the day at knocking d--g in the S. meadows - young Daniels commenced working for us 7 months at \$5.00 pr month as agreed upon 9th of March. Past ten arrived cousins S. & Robinson with 25 sap buckets which they borrowed a year or two since - toward the use of which they paid us this day 22 lbs sug'r. Loaded 10 bbls corn on board their wag. to be conveyed as far as their house on its way to Hinsdill's Factory, on acc't of bad waggoning this side Dr







Grain to Swift's. We ate app's, drank cider & then in company with them with 7  
Hinsdill bbls rye & 3 of corn in the big wag. started for Hinsdill's. H. Debar,  
whose main employment was pleasing himself, rode to F.B's, rode with us  
Made a halt on the Hill to do errands at Clark's & Bisbee's. Met Mr  
Gulliver who detained me a long time to give me an account of his domes-  
tic affairs so as to explain the reason why had not taken up an obliga-  
tion in my hands against him of \$1.75". Proceeded forwarded took on my  
other loading at uncle Sam's - safely landed

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April the whole of it at S.Hinsdill's - 20 bbls - balancing an acc't against B  
1824 Harwood of \$9.90". Made enquiry of the young man who assisted in taking  
in the grain, for I met Mr H. on his way to town, whether he could di-  
rect me to a farmer who had a s--w to sell- mentioned the Henry's - rode  
to Bell's - made the same enquiry - he didn't know, but tho't it likely  
that Esquire Henry might be likely to have such property to dispose of -  
crossed over to the Esquires - soon found I must go farther to obtain th  
the prize - In the course of our conversation he informed me that he was  
9 years of age when his father removed with his family from Coleraine,  
M's to this town - Went on to Mr Gales' - found him with P. Gulliver  
dressing flax - departed hence without finding my object & according to  
direction went to enquire of Mr A. Sherwood. This gentleman I found  
with his boys breaking ground for the cellar of his new house now ab't  
to be erected - the plan of which he endeavored to explain to me - I  
shall only mention that it was to be 26 x 36. Night was drawing on and  
I thought of going directly home from this place, but being assured of  
finding the article wanted somewhere in this neighborhood, the travell-  
ing being very rough, tho' not so bad as it is many times, induced me  
to make all possible search so as not to be obliged to turn out again on  
like business. The above is offered as an excuse for my going to Mr L.  
L.Sherwood Sherwood's toxtarry - for I never felt more dissatisfied with myself  
for staying anywhere in my life, and besides Mr S. said he was short for  
hay. I was however as well rec'd as if everything had been as it should  
be. Lyman accompanied me to Mr Simpson's and then to Mr James Perry's -  
neither of whom had the desired property - the latter had a large fami-  
ly of small but bright children - had been building a new cheese house -  
calculated to milk during the pres't season 24 cows including a few  
heifers. This man fattened a hog in 1823 - killed Dec. 1 old,  
weighing lbs.

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April Returned to Mr S's and very agreeably passed away the remainder of the  
1824 eve'g except my saying, without any bad meaning, that the country was  
full of doctors, lawyers and ministers - without thinking at the moment  
of my friends Lem & Lyman, for whom I entertain as much respect as for  
any other young men of my acquaintance. Lyman informed me that he cal-  
culated to work on the farm the present season, the avails of which be-  
yond what the family immediately needed, he would receive, to enable  
him to pursue his studies the ensuing year. Mr S. wanted to hire a  
girl, talked of endeavoring to obtain the services of Miss Barber of  
Petersburgh.

FRIDAY, APRIL 6 S. wnd & clds bro't on rain at night - wind turned  
late in the eve'g to NW, grew cold. Left Mr S's  
this morning early without staying for breakfast which they urged me to  
do. In town saw Montague and talked with him on various affairs - told  
him we should not want to part with our brandy without some money - he  
replied that if that was the case he could not buy of us, because he







Dr Swift wanted to get it without paying out cash - wished to pay in lumber. Dr Swift I saw, but since his return from N.York could give no account of Mr Cheeseborough, as no business was entrusted by him to that gentleman - bro't no good news of the sale of cheese - it lay entirely dull - Agreed with Capt Hicks' to pay my last years poll tax to Mr Peters - At home assisted father and young Orrin at repairing fences S. o f the S. meadow - some on B's line & a considerable stretch on the Norton line. Sold to Mr Bisbee one bhl sound cider at \$1.25" & another partly vinegar &c. for \$1.50" H.Debar continued to enjoy his gun & fiddle in the usual routine - obtained corn which Brown owed him, had horse & wag. to convey the same to Dr Swift's store.

Bisbee  
H.Debar

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7 Fast - Wind very strong & searching from NW. It seemed to us much like Sunday. Read a few lines in the good Book & used Harmon a little. All my newspapers were collected & sewed together - Dr Swift pd a visit to mother - said Dr Bannister died on the 6th inst. Giles Olin Jr lost a young calf child 2 yrs old about this time, being scalded to death.

Dr Swift  
Death of  
Dr Bannister.

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April 5 o'clock PM attended a thin adjourned meeting school meeting at which were present S.Loomis, L.Norton, J.Norton, Jr, T.C.Parsons, R.Carpenter & E.FAY. Not to mention any nonsense that was carried on I will only say that S. Loomis was chosen moderator, & R.Carpenter Committeeman vice L.Norton resigned. Some conversation took place respecting a teac teacher, but we parted before coming to a decision, leaving it to our committee. On my return home called a mom't at L.Norton's to warm, for it was really cold - he & his wife went to Loomis' - After getting home perused the pages of Harmon. Our Boys kept Fast in the usual way, firing at a mark, fowls &c. No lack of amusement. Adeline was sick - Dr C.Brown. Swift administered to her a dose of jallop. C.Brown paid us a good visit this day.

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1824

School-  
meeting.

Fast.

C.Brown.

THURSDAY, APRIL 8 Ground firmly frozen in the m'g - chilly - Former part of the day assisted Father & our young man at repairing the fence on the old Riley line - Capt Norton came that way & held some converse with us respecting his health which was rather poor - had difficulty in breathing. Mr Bates came & informed us that he would wish me to wait upon his women about 2 PM - The fencing business was pursued by father and the boy on the Nort. line toward the W. part of our half which they fixed in a more permanent manner than usual by getting stones of good shape & size to support & to lay on the rails - the best part of the fence being built with stone. Agreeably to promise went with horses & wag. to the house lately owned by Abner Noble in Pownal to assist in the removal of Mr Bates' family & effects - found Mr B. & family busily engaged loading up goods on a cart partly laden with hay. Other families had already established themselves here - one load of furniture arrived before I decamped - and a third family was soon expected, although the house was no more than sufficient for the ordinary uses of a single one. A neighboring woman who appeared really active & accommodating gave effectual aid called Mrs Brown, the mother of 8 children - her husband, some years since, had absconded to parts unknown - leaving her a disconsolate widow bewitched. Everything being duly arranged we proceed

Fences

Mr Bates







on our way. Capt Squire happening to pass along with a load of his son Alson's household stuff ~~for~~ bound for Algiers generously conveyed Miss A. Bates as far as the road which turns off to that village, after which she came aboard of me - we landed safely at the old Fairchild house, lately the residence of J. M. B. Spencer, notwithstanding it being pretty bad travelling. Mr B. & lady were formerly from Cummington, Mass., he had a family consisting of 3 sons & 2 daughters, the daughter being the eldest & youngest - the latter 12 years of age. The eldest of the sons assisted about unloading. Rode to E. Waters' shop on an errand - on my return took in a young lady dressed in what was intended to be white, but the soil had badly bordered it around the bottom or lower extremity - asked her many questions, all which she readily answered - from which it appeared that she was in her 16th yr - was born in L. Canada - her father, whose name was Marsh, died while she was young - had two brothers in that country, her mother afterwards was married to James Wittum, with whom she resided sometime at Plattsburgh - knew Col's Atkinson & Snelling of the U. S. Army - now resided with her Parents in Pownal pine woods - Paid my school bill 84" to Cha's Brown in full for the last six months. H. Debar being present paid his am't to Twenty one cents. Henry passed one more of his days of pleasure.

Miss  
Marsh.

FRIDAY, APRIL 9 Fair, with some few flying clouds. Rode ab'd on business - Adeline was carried to Waters' - father and H. Debar as far as F.B. & Co's store - then turned off for Algiers - found extremely bad going below the meet'f h. hill - carried whiffletrees to be ironed & chains to be repaired at uncle J. Nort's. The old gent. complained of a lame back. Charles was working for Ballard who struck for X C. - they made iron wedges - the use of which I did not ask. Returned to the meeting house from Algiers & rode to E. Montagues lime-kiln - could get no line, but staid sometime talking fr'd M. L. Selden about the old fathers of this town - some particulars of which I should be happy to give if time permitted. Next paid a visit to the house - talked awhile with Mrs M. & S'th Montague. Turned around came up to

Uncle J.N.

Montagues  
kiln.

April 1824 Col. M's - found him shaving himself in his kitchen - Mrs M. & Mary being pres't - Soon after a poor woman from the Harrington corner of Shaftsbury came in, wishing to dispose of a sieve bottom - Left at home a sick husband with 5 children, the eldest a girl in her 13th yr - she appeared simple, nasty & ragged, but the correctness of her story I did not doubt. The Col handed me \$2. in money which paid me in full for all he had rec'd on the new acc't - that is for pork & butter and forty two cents over, which I appl'd to the acc't of Feb. 24 1823 - he accompanied me to the bookstore where he read in my hearing a remarkable letter written by Paul Jones in 1782 - Got my money changed at Patch-ins', examined music some for L. Robinson - borrowed a book of him and returned home bringing my Adeline & Mary Waters about mid-day - Did business with Mrs Crawford & PM commenced plowing corn ground - Our boy burnt brush in the meadows where we cut elms in winter - sent him to Algiers on an errand towards eve'g - Father arrived P.M. having visited at uncle Sam's &c. This eve'g finished reading 'Harmon's Journ'l' - his acc't of the Indians entertained me smoothly.

O.C. Mer-  
rill cash

Lym  
Robinson

Harmon's  
Journal.

SATURDAY, APRIL 10 Mild soft wind from S. - warm & cldy P.M. By noon we finished repairing fence on the Nort. line - Norman or some one we took to be him appeared to be doing their part of the same fence. P.M. other concerns were attended to I rode in cart to town - had an iron put on by Col Nort. to fasten down the body -







Returned to the Lib'y Harmon's Jour'l - took out the first of Franklin's Works - Got Gaz'te for Apl 13 - Spent an hour or two at Montague's kiln to get lime, but M. had had hard fortune - could make out but a mere trifle - I left them, that is M. & Seld'n late in the day - Bot 1/2 lb tea at Dr Swift' and 1 bot. of Anderson's cough drops at \$1. pr bott - this last I ret'd by H. Debar who had horse & wagg. to convey his trunk to town preparatory to his going to Troy. -

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April 1824 found L. Norton, or rather he came into the store while I was there as did S. Loomis - their new goods were coming in slowly - Rouse had lately established a dry good's store in the building formerly occupied by H. Wallace of which W. was now the clerk - In the eve'g B. Hand, who played the violin some - H. Waters & J. Martindale Jun'r tarried with our boys over night - Orrin followed the plough behind the horses - Read Frank- lin a few lines - Selden informed me that H. A. Fay had drawn a prize of \$5000 within the last three months - the effect of which was they said to make him crazy - On the 9th we could six calves - the produce of the present season.

SUNDAY, APRIL 11 Rainy & cldy from SE - some roaring of wind - Perused the bible & the L. of Franklin. Those parts of the former noticed were the V. of Numb's & IV of St John's Gospel, and with the latter felt myself particularly pleased, as I think every reader must, who admires such style, flowing from so distinguished a fountain. Much more of my time was taken up composing these dry lines than I felt willing to devote to them. Henry Debar this day before noon took leave of us for Troy - accompanied by his friend Noble Dimmick who calculated upon going to Broadalbin to build stone fence during the coming summer. With Henry we stood as stated on the 3d inst - There was 44" worth of rye not included, by mistake, in that settlement which we had rec'd of him which was now permitted to come in against his board since Wednesday, that with some little services from him, we pronounced even on that even score. Dr Swift paid mother a visit - she was tolerably comfortable. Hopkins continued partially ill with his cough. Mr Duncan bro't hither a letter fro the P.O. from his son Dewey - pronouncing all well there - dated early in March - were 3 days in continual rain & 5 days in all on the road to Scipio - See Jan 5, 1824 - O. W. Daniels visited his friends in Pown'1 - returned in good seas'n. J. Martin's Jr paid his respects to us near night. Our cattle were kept rather shortly, but had hay enough as yet.

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April 1824 MONDAY, APRIL 12 Wind & clouds passed over from W. to E. E to W. - very rainy P.M. & eve'g & muddy likewise. In fair weather wheat was washed & limed, manure sp'd in the S. meadow - B's cattle driven off twice from our grain - and when I went to inform him of it found him plowing on the SW part of the Dr Fay farm - intending the gr'd for buckwh't - conversed sometime upon no matter what - promised to take care of his cattle & fix his fences - P.M. while it rained a few bbls flax seed was riddled - 1 bbl prepared for sowing & other every day concerns looked to . Got time to read Franklin some after dinner & aga in tow'd eve'g & devoted about the whole eve'g to that pleasing employ't - father & the girls giving due attention - J. F. Billings' agreed for 1 bbl cider at \$1.25" cash - Mr K. shewed himself twice here in the course of the day - Frogs were first observed to tune their evening pipes about the 8th inst.







TUESDAY, APRIL 13 Rained esrly in the morning but most of the day ensuing it he held very cldy - foggy, misty, with rain near night. Manure in the meadows was sp'd by me & the boy - father worked at fendi ing some - assisted at filling the new leech tub - Orrin before night Kent mended bro't from House's the plow mentioned on the 3d inst - having in it a plow. new beam & handle. My dear partner & youngest child were in a measure sick with bad colds. Mrs Kent came over & informed us that as near as Mrs Kent she could redollect, that is on the 9th of December last she lost some property, which I will perhaps particularize at a more leisure hour. Concerning a flad handkerchief among the parcel lost, I wrote a letter in Mrs K's name to Mrs J. Arnold, in whose hands she understood it had been seen, to return the property to her - This woman lived in Pownal - her husband was the rogue and it was probable would comply with the request. Wrote this letter after having enjoyed sweetly the pages of Franklin - Father, Lydia & Dama being hearers. The brooks & rivers were high by reason of so much rain.

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April 1824 WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14 Rather chilly till midday - some flying clds, in the main pleas't. Too wet to plough, therefore other concerns were managed - The big caldron was filled with water & faggots provided, with which to heat it, were sawed from a big app. tree W. of th house, the only remaining one of the S. front row of the old orchard N. of the house - sd water was for the use of our ladies in making soap, a batch of which was at this time loudly called for, as much had been J.F. Bil- borrowed before the leech could be prepared - Dr J.V. Billin's bbl was lings. bro't on &, according to his instruction, but half filled with cider (16 gallons) and on taking it away about noon, paid for it in full 62-1/2" We turned off our colts to pasture W. of the corn field - 1823. Spent a little time with cousin S. Harwood who appeared to be in want of hay - Orrin was sent to J. Norton's - returned a little past noon with our chains in complete order - likewise a pr of whiff trees well ironed. P.M. took up by means of oxen & c the currant bushes on the N. side of the garden - dug a kind of trench as near the fence as we well could & placed them in it well secured with earth. Rec'd of E. H. Waters Waters for 2 lbs butter sold this day, 25" pr Delia. H. Waters & Geo. Charles Brown. Potter for Ballard rode here in quest of cider for shoes or leather board with us during the present season. Cous. Stephen carried home Martindale with him a few pear sprouts. J. Martindale Jun'r tarried here this Franklin. night - J. Rog. visited town this eve'g. Franklin still held his place in our estimation - was sorry to have him break off his excellent narrative as he does in 1757.

THURSDAY, APRIL 15 Chilling NW wind - flying clds - sometimes stormed, coarse snow mixt with rain - considered the ground Fencing too wet to plough. Our work was at fencing - principally at the S. en end of the Rocks - enlarging the extent of the old sheep pasture a little. J.M.M. Spencer had cut out a pair of shoes for our new neighbor Mr Bates & finding they were too small for his measure came where we were at work, assisted in lifting the end of a heavy stick of timber or wood - agreed with us to take the uppers of those & give him as much more out of our leather, & it was done. Eve'g read Franklin - had some music - Dama had cleaned the flute

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April 1824 FRIDAY, APRIL 16 Slightly frozen was the ground this m'g - flying cl clds & chilling gusts of wind from the NW was the main character of the weather & it appeared to dry up the mud consider







ably - Brooks became lower, but the advance of the season seemed very gradual - Plowing rye-stubble-ground in the y'g orchard employed father & me - Orrin carried off app. tree brush till nearly noon - then he was sent to bring home our colts which had strayed over into Brown's pastures like fools - in this he succeeded - P.M. sp'd manure in the N. madow - On the 15th a 7th calf was added to the number on hand - nursed by "Young Star". Found here early in the evening Mrs Kent & Mrs C. Reg  
 Colts. Mrs Crawford sent over a little boy to get some things she stood in  
 7 calves need of, which we ow'd her toward her work - & among the rest I sent an  
 Mrs Crawford. order to A. Harwood the miller to supply her with rye & corn - a half b  
 Bible, bhl of either - promising to pay within a few days. While Mr Kent was  
 Franklin. her this morning - read the 14th of Exodus which informed us of the Is-  
 raelites passing through the Red Sea &c. Likewise this evening read in  
 Franklin concerning the noble stand which he took with respect to  
 Hutchinson's and Oliver's letters which he fortunately procured & sent  
 over to Boston & how the Privy Council abused him when bro't before the  
 them to answer for so doing &c. - all which is very interesting to an  
 American reader

SATURDAY, APRIL 17 Flying clds with now & then a flash of sunshine the  
 that seemed for a moment like spring, but there  
 were many chilling blasts from NW or NE of some other cold corner. Ver  
 Very cl&r evening - We doubled our team before the iron plough & contin  
 S. Rob. & ued the business described above, till late P.M. when uncle S. Robinson  
 lady. with aunt Sarah came to pay us a sh't visit - father then quitted his  
 plough - leaving it to me, sending Orrin who had been in the ladies ser  
 vice principally, to assist. At night E. Montague in his way from work-  
 ing at the Riley house made a short call. Read less of Franklin this  
 H. H. night than usual on account of attending to music - Our little Hopkins  
 Harwood was rigged out with boy's clothes - Dr Swift saw & gave him a compli-  
 ment.

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April SUNDAY, APRIL 18 Snow, to a small amount, covered the earth this mor  
 1824 ning & it continued falling more or less till near  
 mid-day - sour, unpleasant, cloudy with great rough gusts of N. wind  
 Snow. prevailed till nearly sunset, when the sun fairly shone upon the G. Moun-  
 tains as if fair weath'r might be looked for on the morrow. All affair  
 respecting the creatures in & about the barn having been looked to, im-  
 proved an early hour to put my razor in order for shaving, which being  
 accomplished with much greater facility than usual, gave up the subse-  
 quent part of the day to my old employment - writing and reading - the  
 Franklin. latter being mostly confined to the Bible & Franklin's W'ks - the part  
 of the former which I surveyed being the 17th of Exodus, that of the  
 latter relating to the D'rs negotiations with the agents & friends of  
 the British Gov't, a little previous to & at the breaking out of the  
 American Revolution - 1775 - a most interesting account - in which his  
 Martin'le worth shines without blemish. J. Martindale paid his respects here  
 in course of the day & with H.W. came down after a late hour in the  
 Brown. eve'g to tarry all night. T.C. Parsens, A. Brown & J. Reg. spent a few  
 moments with us tew'd the close of the day.

MONDAY, APRIL 19 Surface of the ground frozen in the morning, chilly  
 by turns all day - there were showers of round snow  
 & rain, held cldy with now & then a patch of clear sky interspersed, to  
 the end of the day. Two teams cross-ploughed ground for sowing wheat -  
 father busied himself in repairing fence against Brown's farm N. of the  
 Brown. old sheep pasture & elsewhere. To Mr Brown this morning per B. Ayres  
 we lent a wooden horse-plough, & two small clevisses, to one of which,  
 there being no belt suitable, supplied its place by taking the long







Wm Baden cutter belt, a screw being formed at the end. Wm Baden, paper maker, came here to sell essences - could not buy - gave him his dinner - he spoke much & rather loud & sometimes inconsistent. Read to father at Lexington noon of Lexing'n Battle in Gordon - & interesting affairs in Franklin battle. at night - Old petitions &c.

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April 1824 TUESDAY, APRIL 20 Much like the 19th respecting weather, a good deal more clear - warmer midday & P.M. - no storm of any kind. We finished plowing for wheat before noon - other plough'g was continued till night ending in the y'g orchard. Mr Kent cut hoop poles  
 Plow'g Kent. - shaved & sat hoops on a soap bbl A.M. - Late P.M. Wm Eldred from New Lisbon, N.Y. with our friend S, Montague paid us a short visit - Walked  
 Wm Eldred Minister to town - paid to Capt Hicks - collector of Ministerial rates - one rates. dollar toward B. Harwood's tax, which this year amounted to \$10.98" & paid my poll tax for 1823 - 84 cents. My poll tax on the ministerial bill for this year was crossed out by Capt H. who said if I was not obliged to pay the town collector, then I was exempt from paying him - the sum of 55" - Got the newspaper at Clark's - bo't a number of arti-  
 Dr Swift's scles at Br-Smith's - Dr Swift's, among which was 46" worth of paint F.B. & Co. stuff. Bo't & paid for 1/4 yd calico at F.B. & Co's six cents; rec'd  
 Jed Dewey J. Dewey's receipt for taxes \$12.10" p. 532 - Talked a few moments with Academy. D. Robinson Jun'r respecting the academy - signed a paper against altering the partitions or taking down the cupola of s'd building, presented by him for my signature - a good many had already signed it. Previous to putting my name there, mentioned I did not mean to have it understood that I was to pay anything further for finishing the cupola - he  
 Bisbee. assured me not. Agreed with Mr Bisbee to buy a calf of us on the morrow - supposed to be worth \$2.50" - returned home - read newspaper's 3/4 Par-  
 School. sons here a short time. Miss Charlotte Loomis commenced teaching school in Dist. No. 2 this day.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21 Fine spring day - air tinged with smoke - cool drying blasts from N. or NE - ground growing  
 Sowing wheat. dry rapidly - father sowed 6 bbls wh't which had soaked in lime, or more properly had been prepared in lime ever since the 12th inst on the field W. of the barn containing about 4 acres fixed in the manner described P. 408. O.W. Daniels & myself with each a team harr'd it over.  
 Bisbee. Bisbee pr his son M. rec'd the calf mentioned.

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April 1824 Our daughter Adeline first entered as a scholar at the school of Miss Loomis. Lydia had made nearly 2 bbls of soap with remarkably fine luck  
 Soap. & the ladies improved this fine day by arranging & variously ordering  
 Ladies their roots &c &c in the door yard, & in doing such other out-door business as they deemed important. In the evening very agreeably enjoyed  
 work. a few fleeting moments reading a part of Franklin's Mission in France -  
 Franklin. which according to my late usage was aloud so that those who wished  
 Ab Potter might hear. Ab'm Potter living near Pownal line W. of Carpenter's enquired if we wanted to sell young cows or heifers having young calves - we replied in the negative.

THURSDAY, APRIL 22 Warm a little smoky, some cldy, wind soft from S. Business advanced very agreeably - the ground occupied last year with potts N. of the then cornfield, now sown with wheat was sown with flax seed, having been previously ploughed twice - the plough'g of the y'd orch'd compleated & garden plowed - Sleep overpowered me too much this evening for great gratification in reading - The widow of the late E. Edgerton & the lady of Horace Edgerton visited our







ladies this P.M. Our boy Daniels this morning was sent to Bisbee's & returned with a piece of veal, 6 lbs, fr quarter. Sold butter & chees to E. Waters & rec'd for it 50" - Six bhls wheat sown on about 4 acres One bhl flax seed sown on 3/4 of an acre.

APRIL, FRIDAY, 23 Warm faint, cldy - wind S. - grassstarted much - it commenced raining smartly about sundown - lasted no not long - Wind veered to NW - O.W.D. with horses, assisted by me, with oxen, harr'd over the gr'd in the y'g orch'd ready for sowing oats - go get through before night - filling leach & other services were performed - not to mention other concerns looked after by father & the boy.

Abraham Brown. Went in the cart to Abram Brown's & of 1-1/2 bhls plaster which he had borrowed pr J. Reg. Sept or Oct. 1823, rec'd but about 29 qts - the other to be paid when obtained - also received 6 qts borrowed corn.

Cha's R. Brown. Saw & was introduced to Chas R-----son of Capt Park Brown going to the S. with a small drove of horses - his only little boy had died at Rutland, Vt., a few days since of the croup. A.B. had bo't 1/2 ton hay - pd \$4. to Harmon for it. Lydia & D. visited at Kent's.

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April 1824 SATURDAY, APRIL 24 Cloudy & pretty chilly m'g - fair P.M. - stg NW wind - Ploughing in the S. part of the S. mead'o

J. Reg. holder. made the chief business - father chief holder. J. Reg. went to mill with one of C.R. Brown's horses. P.M. I visited town - had the good fortune to ride with a son of Dan'l Hinsdill in 1 h.wag. - informed Dr Swift that mother desired him to come down immediately to bleed her for a sharp pain in her side - which he accordingly did. Found near the store H. Dimmick, E. Downs & P. Smith - the former were poking fun at the latter, and that's as much as I have need to say to that affair - With fr'nd D. went to Clark's - returned the 1st V. of Franklin & took out the 1st of Shakespeare - D. took out Carice's Travels - Mr Steb. Walbridge ret'd the "Life of McHenry", of which he spoke extremely well. My fr'd & I having looked at the books, & spoken myself to W. Haswell about my arrearage at the P.O. set off together for home - met against hatter Clark's Mr Gabey & Mr Kent arm in arm - Mr G. was very sociable & jocose not only with us but with "Black Bill" who followed close behind - Being arrived against Hicks' Inn - D. recollected a basket of nails he had purchased & left at Dr S's which he must go back & get - so I waited for him at that place - Bo't of J. Hick's Jun a plough point - paid for it in full 50" cents - Capt Hyde read Shak. in K's piazza - Maj Aaron Rob. was also present - F. Blackmer & another young fellow played ball on the green together. Being joined again by my fr'd came as far as Mr Bliss' - talked with him upon politics a little - he tho't the Legislature of N.Y. had done very bad indeed in dismissing De Witt Clinton from being Canal Commissioner &c. - gave me his last Lansingburg paper to read - walked forward again - called at Mr Bates' to see ab't some weaving, which they said might be done next week - made a halt at friend Brown's when D. was made acquainted with C. R. Brown and procured a few top onions for seed - we next came into our land & finding 2 neighboring cows in the litt. meadow, drove them out, patched or bolted up the fence & got to the house before sun set.

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April 1824 Dimmick staid half an hour talking very lively - in friendly style, but full of what he had done, could do & was going to do - left us before dark. On the road from the Court House & Hicks' D. met his friend Alfred Ovatt and they had to do a great deal of boasting what they could do in a saw mill. Mother was relieved, but very sick at the stomach. The girls visited at E. Waters. We bo't of Mr Ayres a new







hee & paid him in pork 5 lbs 6 oz & subsequently 1-1/4 bhls potatoes. Read a little in the Life of Shakespeare - who was born in 1564 - died 1616 - Dr Swift had lately removed his family & effects to his house which he some weeks since purchased of the heirs of Capt E. Dewey, being the same built & occupied a number of years by Col. Benj. Fassett.

SUNDAY, APRIL 25 Warm, growing time - wind S. cloudy. Read from the 17th to 20th inclusive, of Exodus. When not asleep perused Johnson's preface to Shakespeare. Father & Lydia attended meeting. Dr Swift visited mother. Urrin arrived from Pownal where he had staid all night. J. Martindale Jun'r paid his usual respects to us. Father bro't me a letter from H. Debar, dated, Troy, N.Y. April 18 1824 informing that he had engaged in the same brick yard in which he worked in 1823 under Mr Hull - wished to have his fiddle, old shoes & sent him pr K. Barney - wanted me to call & see him - thought by next Fall he should have more "Cows to let". Friend G. House visited us this eve'g. Mr Kent rec'd on acc't 5 lbs 11 oz good side pork.

MONDAY, APRIL 26 Winds & clouds from S. - some rainy P.M. at night the wind turned & came strong from N.W. Ploughing in the S. meadow was finished for the present - team went badly - I engrafted about thirty cions into a tree in S. part of the y'g orch'd <sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub> expected few to grow - J. Reg. went to mill & to Pinch Gut - thence from Gary's bro't a hog weighing 108 at 3-1/2". Charles Brown began to board here. I wrote a letter to H. Palmer of Hopkinton, N.Y. - See Mar H. Palmer. 31

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April 1824 I would say of that app. tree into which 26 cions (not 30) were engrafted that it stands on the 3d row N. of stone fence dividing the orchard from the W. pasture - the limbs growing long & slim, much wave together like grape vines.

Snow. TUESDAY, APRIL 27 Very chilly & cloudy - air portended the fall of an snow which near night appeared to fall on the heads of the mountains, while in lower regions a fine kind of rain descended - All the y'g orchard with a small exception left toward the NE part for peas was sown over with 11 bhls oats & harrowed in. I borrowed Dr Swift's harrow & lost a tooth out of it - F. Johnson, our old boarder, dined with us - Played a few tunes & then looked over accounts. We settle't counted, in the Almanack for 1823, from March 10th the day on which he commenced boarding, to Aug. 1st, the day he left us twenty weeks & five days - he kept his own account of lost time with which I was fully satisfied, which he stzted to be 35 days - I reckoned it in my head & called it seven weeks, leaving a remainder according to that calculation of thirteen weeks & five days, which at \$1. pr w'k we called \$13.70" and then for vaccination \$1.50" - other medical assistance 00.70", deducted said sums from the am't of board, leaving due me eleven dollars fifty cents for which received his note due one day after date. He left us ultimately bound to Hebron, N.Y. with many good wishes from us. After I got up into the field about my work, ruminating on this business I plainly saw a grand mistake, instead of thirty five days being seven weeks it was but exactly five weeks - making the demand against our friend, if he be willing to rectify mistakes, which we have no doubt but that he is justly am't to \$13.50" Wrote most of a letter. letter to J. Waterman & lady of Brookf'd N.Y. - Brown kept late hours with his latin grammar.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28 Cold, backward, cldy, a little rainy, w'd E. Drawing out manure in to the field this side the Y orchard made up the







April 1824 the main business. I returned the Dr's harrow with another tooth which was bo't friend Brown - had it fitted at Col Norton's shop on our acc't While at Edgerton's Merc'k Bisbee rode up & invited me to attend the drawing of his father's slaughter house, which I agreed to do with our bullocks. Collected carts, tools &c some of which were out of repair & caused work to go bad. Bo't of Dr Swift pr H. Edgerton 1/2 bhls pease, which father sowed as talked of, p. 558 and oxen plowed them under while I was absent at the drawing. This latter business came on late PM - Edgerton joined me in going there with his team. It was handsomely conducted under the direction of Mr Vail - removed over onto the lead of gen. Robinson a few rods W. of his grove and in a S.E. direction from the old spot whence it was taken - there were twelve yoke of oxen - many of them rather thin in flesh - those which I recollected were, Geo. Robinson, J.T. Rob's, Mr Vail's, H.H. Robinson's and D. Hubbell's, See May 3d 1823. Bo't a number of articles at Dr Swift's store among which were, 1 lb tea 75", 1 oz camphor &c. &c. besides for oxen Orin 6 yds cotton shirting at 15" - in all 90" - 1/2 doz buttons, stick twist, 2 skns silk making in full against him \$1.11-03. Bo't at D. Clark's a whipthong & stock ready to my hand for 25" on credit. An errand made me walk into Dr S's house, where I saw M. Street - invited her to come and see me - got E. Waters' broken paint stove at A. Robinson's for the purpose of gr'd'g paint - likewise at his shop & from his hand borrowed a paint brush - nearly 9 o'clock when I got home. Mr Brown Nr Brown sowed oats, had 2 teams going. Mrs Spencer had a quilting - the companion of my heart assisted - she, good woman, boiled soap previous to going there. Friend C. Brown entered my letter at the PO directed to H. Palmer. Added a few words to my letter to Waters.

THURSDAY, APRIL 29 Wind S., low clouds, ragged about the mountains - with now & then a short interval of fine rain - this changed P.M. to broken, flying clds, strong gusts of wind from NW Vegetation Snow lay high on the mountains - Few leaves were yet out - pastures began to look green, hay scarce, cattle poor, our

April 1824 neighbors A. Brown & Dr Swift as well as many others had to buy much hay - Our principal work was carting manure - Went down this m'g & engaged Mrs L. Fay to do all our weaving for the present season, except what we had already allotted for Miss Bates, payable in orders on Dr Swift's store & money, which last she was to favor me with sufficient time to procure. Passed the usual compliments with uncle E. Fay after having first met E. Jun'r leading a horse hitched to a wooden plough - the former occupied his old ground, the stoop - made a curious & ludicrous enquiry about an African vessel which he understood had lately come in free &c &c &c - Saw men who made grafting app. trees their business - had onion s'd for sale. L. & J. Nort. Jr were preparing a load of ware for W. Creek - Capt N. happening to be pruning a young pear tree the fruit of which he said was large & handsome, & gave a few cions to me cut therefrom. Friend Brown, after supper this eve'g, W.O. Campbell. walked away with Mr Parsons - Our friend W.O. Campbell, shoemaker, p'd J. Rog. a visit.

FRIDAY, APRIL 30 Very pleas't, air tolerably warm - wd SW - 18 lds manure carted this day - business progressed finely - sent a billet pr friend Brown to Mr Bisbee to inform him that we could let him have a fatted calf on the morrow - answered that he'd receive him on Monday next. Sent /pr the same person my letter written to J. Waterman, had it lodged in the P.O. - It is a compound of







Debar family & neighborhood concerns. At noon wrote a short letter to H. Debar to inform him that J. Rog. could not spare his freck, that his shoes should be forwarded according to his direction, but not the fiddle, as I did not think the conveyance safe - would carry it myself in ab't a fortnight. Mr Kent rec'd 1 bbl potatoes this mg on credit.

Kent

Dr Swift My dear partner took up articles at Dr Swift's to the am't of more than \$2.00

Ripley. W.N. Ripley visited us this P.M. as did the keeper of Hicks' stud in the A.M. We made trial at writing without seeing the paper this eve'g - did tolerably well too.

Writing.

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April 1824 This day Nathan Robinson our cousin came & rec'd 1 bbl cider at \$1.25" for Safford Robinson, payable in maple sugar. Rec'd 25" for flax seed of N.R. - It ought to be remarked that at this place, no thunder was heard during April 1824 - Perhaps I may mention the removals in this & other neighborhoods adjacent.

Safford Robinson.

Removals.

SATURDAY, MAY 1 Mostly pleas't - became cldy at night - thuder'd, rained slightly early in the evening. We pursued business as we had done except meeting with some vexatious hindrances - having Dr S's dungfork taken away - cartswheel broken - & wagon lent to Mr Brown - made out, however, to cart off 14 lds manure - Oren went home at night - Merick Bisbee dined with us - took away a bbl of vinegar - said they were preparing to drive the next blast of the furnace for 1 year - Mr Harmon of N.Y, chief owner. Mr Bliss pd us sh't vis't - sd that the dismission of D. Clinton from being Canal Commissioner had caused great sensation throughout N.Y. state as well as in other parts of the Union - Send pr friend Brown, H. Debar's letter to F. Blackmer's in order to its going to Troy - without fidd. or shoes - gave reasons in it for the omission of that part of his command. A dry good-peddler came here - our ladies bo't nothing of him, but fr'd B. did.

Bisbee .

Furnace.

Mr Bliss.

H. Debar

Tillettson Daniels pr Eli Carpenter's son, towards the hire of his boy, 2 bhls corn & 2 do rye, whole am'td to \$2.00 Fore-part of the evening, a little after friend Brown had arrived from his mother's where he had only been for a short time late P.M. - being alarmed at the appearance of a great fire at the S. he & I went to the top of the hill S. of J. Rog's but could ascertain little more than that it was farther S. than Williamstown - we viewed it a short time and then in order to avoid a shower which threatened from N.W. with now & then a flash of lightning. While absent on this expedition, the son of Mr Austin Harmon Jun'r on his return from Adams, Ms called delivered us a bill of the sales of our cheese with sixty seven dollars & fifty nine cents in full. The bill, which I shall only mention in the gross states the whole number of lbs sold to be 1411, sold for \$77.77

Fire.

Thunder.

Chesbro.

Cash.

Cheese cash.

Freight \$1.18 - 7 casks \$2.94 - cartage \$00.37  
storage \$00.89 - commissions on sales at 30 cents pr hund  
\$4.20 - whole am't of charges

10.18
\$67.59

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May 1824 The first sale took place Dec 13 1823, 1195 lbs to Lewis Hartman.

SUNDAY, MAY 2 Near 12 o'clock at noon - flying clds hazy - growing fair. Had myself barbered & other trifling affairs attended to. Parsons came up with his little girl - staid only a short time - wife gone to Hoosick. J. Rog. & wf arrived from Algiers where they had spent the night. J. Martindale Jun'r mended pens for me, but unluckily for me rwaching his arm across the table while I was engzged with this book - jostled the inkstandish so violently as to throw that beautiful splash of ink on my paper at p. 560 - 1/2 past 4 P.M.,

J. Rog's Martin-dale.







Dr Swift Father & friend B. attended service. Dr Swift visited mother - Read a political address in the Lansingburgh Gazette of late date recommending (an) a convention of the people to express public opinion on the pending presidential question, or something to that effect - weather very warm growing season. Father mentioned Judge Fay's riding out on his farm in his common cart to view his possessions. Just before sunset marched Mrs L. Fay with my amiable consort to E. Fay Jun's by way of the meadows, pastures & fields - the air warm - nature beginning to assume her gayest attire. While here saw Mr Green, his daughter Mrs Pierce & old Mrs Fay who said she was 76 yrs of age - in middling health, but troubled with a lame wrist which obliged her to write left handed. Young Mrs F. said her age was 46 - Mr F. 50 <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> her father, who was quite ill of a kind of paralytic affection - 78 - her eldest sister, Mrs Palmer, 54 - her youngest sister, youngest of the whole family, (8 in number) over thirty yrs of age. Paid to Mr Fay two dollars towards weaving - on Burlington Bank - No. 640, took out of the parcel rec'd from O. Cheesebro - talked awhile & came away - Sally called at her sisters & learned that S. Parsons' little girl Betsey a few days since had the misfortune to lose two of her fingers on the right hand by means of a great knife attached to some part of their machinery. Our friend Brown studied hard at his composition this evening - Late in the day read a few pages of Hunt's Late War in Roman Catholic style.

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May 1824 MONDAY, MAY <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> Wind SW - warm & vldy with signs of rain. Bro't the manuring business to a close for the present at the rate of nearly 30 lds to the acre - P.M. spreading the same & ploughing it under constituted the bus's - C. Brown made & sowed garden, except 2 beds for which there were not seeds - P.M. the man furiously spread manure. Mr Kent worked half a day at putting in a fellowe & making a 2 horse whippetree & rec'd 1 lb oz flax on acc't. Scraper. Sent pr O.W. Daniels the Dis't Scraper to J. Norton Jun - Assisted by C. Ingraff'g Brown engrafted a few scions of sweat peas given me by Capt N. into pears. some young pear trees. We had the misfortune to break off the point of a ploughp't which had not been in use long.

TUESDAY, MAY <sup>4</sup>/<sub>5</sub> Cloudy - wind S. - air very faint - extremely warm - App'd likely to rain - so warm that we had to strip off coat & jacket - but on a sudden wind changed to NW - the clouds lowered - the fog touched the tops of the hills - grew cold very fast - had to put on our clothes & button them up - closely, to make ourselves any way comfortable. The business of the 4th still going on - young Daniels carried yarn, for weaving, to Mrs Fay. H. Waters & J. Martindale Jun came late in the eve'g & performed a job at painting pails &c. Paid for Chas Brown \$19, Cheesebro money, to F. Blackmer & Co toward store debt. Mr Bisbee's tallest son, a stranger to us, came down & rec'd a veal calf 4 weeks & 3 days old - worth perhaps \$2.50"

WEDNESDAY, MAY 5 Extremely cold this mg - grd frozen, but before night was very mild - much softened down - wind SW The field this side the y'g orchard was ploughed in full. PM fencing was attended to at the S. part of the farm - sheep confined to their pasture - that of the cows prepared for their reception - Between 9 & 10 A.M. I took up my line of march for Pown'l across lots - found E. Fay Jr ploughing up a field sown last fall with rye, which had winter-killed - going to plant most of it with corn - two of his boys with oxen, himself with horses. Bargained for 7 young pigs.







Mrs S. Loomis was ploughing ground for corn well manured - Olf Mr L. app'd  
 Duncan. to be planting potatoes or corn - Dined & talked a good while at Mr  
 Duncan's - nobody present except Miss Amanda & 2 litt. boyd - Went to E  
 E.Carpenter. Carpenter's - found Mr Duncan, Mr Pope, Mr Daniels & others engaged in  
 loading manure. Mr D. had informed me that Mr Burlison, whose daughter  
 we had talked of hiring, with his family had removed down to the Whip-  
 ple tavern for the purpose of keeping public house - therefore it was  
 Mr Pope. concluded that she could not be had, which led me to enquire of Mr Pope  
 whether his daughter Betsey might be engaged - he informed me affirma-  
 tively - marched over the hill down to his house by the brook, being th  
 the same formerly occupied by Freeborn Watson - Mrs P. employed the  
 time mending the clothes of her son Richard while he sat in the corner  
 waiting for them - had been living with Mr Josiah Bates, of whom great  
 complaint was made for not furnishing more & better wearing apparel -  
 two or three of the younger members of the family were running about  
 house - Betty was absent at a neighbors baking - and immediately sent  
 for. In a little time she arrived - bargained with her to come here  
 sometime in the first week in June, to spin wool, assist daily about  
 milking & occasionally to do housework at 4/0 pr week - Returned to  
 Carpenter's in season to get into friend Eli's 1 h.wag. in which he had  
 seated himself to go to Bennington on business at the blacksmith's &c.  
 Got home past 2 P.M. - some part of my transactions underwent severe  
 animadversion from the ladies, which caused me to feel some ruffled.  
 Peters' Visited town on foot - met Capt Hicks talking in the street with Dr  
 tax paid S wift about suing the delinquents among the signers of Mr Peters' tax  
 bill. Capt Hicks' stepped into his son's bar and there as collector  
 for Mr Peters, received from me in full \$9.98". B. Harwood's tax -  
 1824 - vdry thankfully, because the minister was going to be absent at  
 D.Clark. N. York a few weeks - P.554. Spent a little time at D.Clark's - the  
 old gent being present - received from friend Darius on acc't \$3. -  
 Exchanged for his accommodation a Troy \$5. bank note for another of  
 the same am't on Brattleboro bank - calculated to go to Albany the next  
 Monday. Returned

May from town accompanied by C. Brown - early in the morning with O.W.D.  
 1824 marched to Fay's & paid the deacon \$3.50 for his 7 pigs - agreed to  
 keep them sow with them until they were old enough to wean & then re-  
 turn her. Drove then home without much difficulty. Saw Mr Humiston  
 Removals. who informed me that he took possession of the Dickinson house on the  
 first inst. - D. left the same about the 6th of April with his family  
 & effects - established himself near deacon Dimmick's on Troy road.  
 Mr Spencer & family removed from the old Fairchild house to Parsons'  
 Shop on the 6th ult. Mr Bates established his residence at the former  
 stznd as stated page 546. Mr Ayres our neighbor left wid. Green's old  
 house and became a tenant of the Dr Fay house - April 4th 1824, if I  
 am rightly informed. Dr Swift's removal occurred on the of the  
 same month. Concerning removals more may be said on some other occa-  
 sion.

THURSDAY, MAY 6 Tolerably fair - cold m'g - hazy - wind S. - Cows  
 & young cattle were turned to pasture. The Dr Fay  
 garden was ploughed for Messrs Ayres & Kent - the latter being with us  
 - telling some curious anecdotes of the Greens' & Jewett's - had 2  
 teams & plough, besides conceying a load of brick to him intending how-  
 ever to make no charge of the last - finished sd job a little before 12  
 - charged all to Kent - 7/0 - assisted about mending fence ab't the N.  
 orch'd - Mr Bliss came there to see us concerning making garden -  
 informed him it was done - had his paper with him - read an anecdote







J. Rog. of the emperor Alexander in it - P.M. J.Rog. & I with oxen began to plow up a piece of the S.meadow E. of what was already ploughed, for him to plant with corn. O.W.D. harrowed in the triangle with horses. Father assisted the ladies at clearing off rubbish about the house.

Dr Swift My wife Sally ran me in debt at the store of Dr Swift to the am't of \$1.60".

FRIDAY, MAY 7 Cloudy & rainy till late AM - towards 4 PM rained quite hard, fair with flying clds & chilling winds

Leafes. from NW at sundown - Leaves coming forth rapidly - plum blossoms were out. Mr Kent between 9 & 10 AM fixed a band of hoop iron on one of the rollers of the cheese-press, made fast the rag wheel & returned the

A.Norton rolls to its place. O.W.D. had horses shod at A.Norton's - P.M. J.Rog drove horses & oxen for father to plow his planting gr'd - but the rain prevented their doing great execution - The boy could do but little.

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May 1824 Marched in the rain to Dr Swift's store where I went through the set't of an account of more than \$80. In the course of this business found several blunders & mistakes on their part - some articles being entirel omitted except in my book - in one instance they had charged an order o

Dr Swift's of 75" to me, which was sent there & written by the hand of my name-sake, Hiram Harwood of the N. part of the town. Without specifying any more particulars it is sufficient to state, that by means of my book they saved more than three dollars. I had most of said articles entered on said book. The sum total Dr exhibited against me was, includ'

Accounts. ing \$19. bor'd \$ 82.98

Cr up to Jan'y 4 1824 57.44

Balance due & paid this day 25.54

25.54

\$ 82.98

There were J.Morse, J. W. Jun'r & Sol. Morse, J.Hunt, H.Dimmick, Ab Noble, D.Ruttenbur & others present or came there while this business was on the carpet. The rye mentioned p. 452 was credited by Dr Swift, but I was not prepared by not having this volume with me to rectify a mistake of 1/2 bhl made by him. 1-1/2 bhls coarse salt borrowed by the

F.Blackmer Dr was not included in the settlement. At my friend F.Blackmer & Co's & Co's found some more blunders committed by reason of another person having bearing my name - an order of \$1 had been charged to me m which on examination was found to be my cousins - abd Hall in posting acc't for B. had inadvertently brought in above \$4.00 of his accounts, which was now transferred to the proper person - Except in this & a few other trifling instances our books corresponded exactly and the final result came to within a fraction of what I had anticipated - The whole am't, including \$5. borrowed money, being \$ 75.96"

My cr't was \$75.36" - Paid this eve'g 60" in full 75.96

Those who came in were P. Dewey, A.D. & Reb. Robinson, N.Squire, Truman Hendryx, who related some particulars respecting his brother Josiah, Capt Hyde, Wm Durrell, Bill Judd & others.

SATURDAY, MAY 8 Pretty warm & cloudy - wind S. until 3 or 4 PM when there a shower of rain with some thund'r - rained considerably and was cool.







May 1824 J.Rogers plowing was finished before (night) noon - O.W.D. harrowed gr' gr'd in the meadow for planting - father tinkered at fencing - P.M. he J.Rog. assisted me before the shower in carting manure on to that patch of Manure. ground mentioned p. 416-31. Cousins S. & Polly Robinson visited here S & P Rob-this P.M. - the latter tarried over n't. Mr Parsons & his friend Spen- inson. cor arrived from Pownal where they had been collecting grain for the Parsons & former - Academy jumbles I can't write - H.Waters & J.Martindale Jun'r Spencer. this evening ground paint & finished the painting which they commenced H.Waters. here on Sunday eve'g - pails, tubs &c.

SUNDAY, MAY 9 Cold - wind strong from NW - flying clouds - my em-  
ployment varied little from the usual course - read  
those chapters in Exodus which described the ark of the covenabt &c.  
Brown. Father & fr'd Brown visited the house of worship - young Mr Davis  
preached - from Williamstown College. O.W.Daniels arrived from Pownal  
with his friends the young Gleason boyd. Lydia & Damia gallanted cous-  
in Polly home - Friend Parsons arrived from Hoosick in company with J.M  
Lambs. R. Spencer. Haf now 22 lambs in the flock - the eldest not over 12  
Calves days of age - An 8th calf made its appearance about this time - "Old  
J.Martin- Brook's" - J.Martindale Junr paid us a sh't vis't at night. - had work-  
dale. ed for H. H. Fassett.

MONDAY, MAY 10 Freezing cold this morning - wind extremely chilly  
all day from NW - but for the wind the air would  
Manure have been terribly warm after 9 AM. 20 lds manure were carted from N.  
of the barn to the spot of ground noticed above - Oren had business in  
Algiers which rather clashed with ours - we mean as it respected his  
H.Brown. time. Friend C.Brown entertained his brother Henry here this n't.  
Waters. Sold this morning to Mrs Waters & rec'd cash, pr young Elisha, 2 lbs  
butter for 1/6 - Of this article had not much to dispose of at this  
juncture.

TUESDAY, MAY 11 Dry chilly & flying hazy clds from N. Trees in gen-  
eral looked green - App. blossoms were on the point  
of opening - Carting manure was compl'd - the patch by J.Rog. ploughed  
Planting. & planted with lady-finger potatoes - a p't of the gr'd plowed over -  
Beans. planted with potatoes, pole & bush beans, poles set &c. - furrowed the  
triangle ready for planting. O.W.D. went at night & got a supply of  
pumpkin seeds at L. Jewett's. J.Rog. went to mill for himself. C.B's

May brother left here in the morning - his father called in & made enquiry  
1824 concerning his sons. I did not myself see him. Mother rode out along  
Elijah with Dama, by whom an account against me was commenced at F.Blackmer &  
Brown. Co's beginning with 33". Brown stuck closely to his latin this ev'g.  
Blackmer  
& Co's WEDNESDAY, MAY 12 Rather warm than otherwise - cldy - rained some ere  
Corn night from SW - The field shaped like a triangle ad  
planting. joining the y'g orchard containing perhaps 2-1/4 acres & about 2 acres  
T.C.Pars'smore in the S.meadow we planted with corn assisted by T.C.Parsons, A.  
Parsons 2d & Chas Brown - Poor Andrew was almost tired down in dragging  
my marking machine, the traces of which on the new ground in the meadow  
Batt cow were very blind. Mr Batt not long since lost his only cow by accident-  
presented a paper ro father to sign assistance - signed and paid 50".  
Duncan Mr Duncan dined here this day - had 1 gall. vinegar gratis. Mrs Crawd'  
Crawford ford came over to visit us - wanted to lookmover accounts - had n't tim  
time to attend to it - she had 1 lb butter & bro't us 10 runs yarn.  
H.H.Fas- Sold to H.H.Fassett 15 lbs cheese pr his black man, who bro't me a line  
sett. signifying I should receive pay at the 1st call.







THURSDAY, MAY 13 Tolerably warm early in the day - wd S., some rainy. Between 10 & 12 rained forcibly - after which the wind veered to N, & became very chilly & gloomy - wind blew in gusts li like March winds. Before 9 AM we all commenced working for Parsons, carting manure & ploughing his garden. During the shower sat by the stove in the old shantee reading the newspaper of May 11 and dined. PM business was resumed with both teams - Mr Bates came along & took off Oren & the oxen with which he took out 7 lds manure & drew 1 ld wood. After finishing Parsons' garden came home and assisted Mr Kent, who had finished the big tub except hooping with iron, most of which he executed on the 12th - I say assisted him in tearing off slabs from the roof of the cheese-press shantee & putting on boards in their stead. In the course of the operation, the roof being slippery & wet, Mr K. slipped down twice or thrice which J. Rog's observing caused him to laugh heartily - the wind too blowing a gale.

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May 1824 J. Rog went to mill for us with the horses & wagg., the wag. he broke in the centre of the forward axletree - left it at A. Notton's to be mended. Hiram Scott drove up in his furnace establishment - wanted to buy brandy & potatoes - the former we didn't agree to sell at 60 days credit, the latter we did - & he rec'd 6 bhls, payable in cash at 25 cents to be left at F. Blackmer & Co's. The new Bisbee boy carried off for his father's use a heifer's calf nearly 5 weeks old - not very good veal. Brown. Brown left the Academy at an early hour. H. Waters & J. Martindale tarried with us this night - related academy anecdotes respecting the partitions being torn down & set up again. T.C.P. & J.R. visited here this eve'g. Plum blossoms were put forth about this time.

FRIDAY, MAY 14 The weather was most unusually severe - there prevailed a very strong jerking cutting NE wind before which was driven a shower of snow that lasted without much cessation till past 12 at noon - the wind continued violent through the day - and the angry lowering aspect of the clouds continu'd till evening when if I mistake not, it partially cleared up. At the N. side of one of our buildings about 3 or 4 PM, when the cold was at its height, I observed icicles attached to the eaves, & to the end of the eave spout. We were obliged by the fence being broke down S. of J. Rog's on the hill, which let the cattle into the meadow to drive out those beasts, & reinstate s'd fence in the height of the storm - O.W.D. & myself being unprepared for war, father having on his loose coat went over the hill to make observations, and we return home - warmed & went to carrying out rotten apples from the cellar. The good man returned from his tour at fencing saying he found much to do, the fences being blown down in various places - even so as to occasion our cattle to trespass on neighbor Brown rye - he saw all safe before leaving it. P.M. O.W.D. with oxen went to Bates' & plowed his garden. Mr Kent made cheese tongs, flagged the head of 10 gall. keg, made an eve sp't to the cheese press office and hooped a noggen not to mention slightly tinkering the bottom of the well bucket. Cr. Mr K. 1/2 day - S. Waters came here with Mrs Waters. C. Brown absent from school.

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SATURDAY, MAY 15 Fair with frequent & very cold blasts from the N. Snow lay on the mountains in fair sight till past noon. In the evening the firmament was decked with the light clouds stretching from NW to SE. The main business was planting potatoes. Mr N. Ripley sold us a cheese-basket at 4/0 & another small hand basket for 25", which was paid in full - 9 lbs pork - 1-1/2 pt brandy, 2 lbs cheese. Sally prepared her office for making cheese on Mondzy the 17th







Company. Damia rec'r the compa' of Delia & Carl Waters - they had a ludicrous  
 Kent. scrape of wearing some old odd garments to the house of J.Rog. J.Rog.  
 went to mill - returned safe & sound with wag. & grist. Mr Kent came  
 where we were at work, not appearing to have business - he assisted  
 awhile at covering potatoes - then went to sawing off dry app.limbs for  
 himself - late P.M. had oxen & cart to convey home the same free of cos  
 O.W.Dan- cost. O.W.D. went home at night accomp'd by Dawson Gleason, his  
 iels. friend. The youngest of the cows called "Line" had a clf 9th by her  
 Calf.H.W. side on the 13th. H.W. staid with us this (evening) night.

SUNDAY, MAY 16 A fine morning - but it ws soon overcast - thick &  
 hazy - was rather rainy towards night - Father,  
 Damia & fr'd Brown attended service under the preaching of Gridley of  
 S.Waters W'mstown - S.Waters came down with Damia as she drove home - H.W.arrive  
 J.Martin- late in the day with a pair of monstrously wide trousers on - light  
 dale. colored. J.Martindale Jr came here PM - went away before night. Wrote  
 F.Johnson a letter to F.Johnson of Hebron, N.Y. principally to inform him respect  
 ing the mistake made p. 558

MONDAY, MAY 17 Very foggy till past 9 in the mg - then the sun cam  
 came out exceedingly warm - plowed land smoked like  
 a boiling caldron - afterwards the wind sprang up a little from the N.  
 C. Brown made out a very pleas't day - blossoms started out considera-  
 bly - A.M assisted by J.Rog. having two teams ploughed & ridged the  
 field mentioned Sept 25 1823 - while father, Charles Brown & O.W.Dan-  
 iels fin

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 Potatoes on was spread 20 l'ds manure, previous to its being ploughed, was fur-  
 planted. rowed, planted with potatoes, by father; C. B'n & Daniel's boy l plough  
 J.Rogers ed them in. This being disposed of - the boys went on &, assisted near  
 night by father, nearly compleated planting J.Rog's ground, which he  
 had previously harrowed over with corn. J.R. spent his P.M. on his  
 ground. Young Bisbee wished to purchase cider - I mean Merrick. Friend  
 Henry Parsons said he should not go to the River as talked of. Henry Brown  
 Brown. called here at night & informed his brother Charles that he had hired a  
 wagg. & horse to convey himself & effects to Berlin, N.Y. where he had  
 undertaken to teach school at \$10 pr month. Mrs S. Harw'd began making  
 C.Brown cheese this day. C.Brown had now worked for us three days towards boar  
 Calves. board. We now numbered 10 calves, including those sold to Bisbee, the  
 produce of our cows since Feb'y - the youngest belonging to the cow  
 called "Lopp'd Horn".

TUESDAY, MAY 18 Warm-cloudy-wind S.-signs of rain. The planting of  
 J.Rog's corn was finished - a piece S.of it plowed  
 Potatoes. up - the potatoes - ab't 50 bhls, transported from the cellar to the  
 barn & preparation made for going to Albany. Toward evening walked to  
 Dr Swift. town - exchanged 8 dollars specie with Dr Swift for bank notes & borrow  
 ed besides three dollars more. Rec'd an order from him on Silliman &  
 D.Clark. Grant for 250 lbs nails. Bo't on credit at D.Clark's l quire writing  
 Fassett's paper at 25". Rec'd pay in full of H.H.Fassett for the cheese sold on  
 the 12th inst - \$1.06" - Mr F. had just removed into his house, lately  
 occupied by Mr Sim Hatheway. No tavern open at the brick house, which  
 was full of masons headed by E. Montague, tearing off old platering &c  
 in order to make repairs. Young men were busy in the street playing  
 ball.- saw uncle S.Robinson at Fassett's new stand cording bedstead.  
 Did an errand at Bisbee's. Ret'd home accompanied by J.M.B.Spencer  
 who planted his corn this day. Borrowed Dr S's wagg'n wrenches. H.W.  
 C.Brown. & J.Martindale tarried here this night. C.Brown went to Berlin with  
 his brother Henry. Had Charles Cr's horse & waggon.







May 1824 WEDNESDAY, MAY 19 Very cldy-all day-rained in the mg and misted after wards-wind being first S. and then P.M-N. With father assisted at digging stone in the W.part of the Old Sheep pasture J.Rogers. - for building wall on Brown Line - O.W.D. worked A.M. for J.Rogers C.Brown. planting potatoes in the S.meadow - C.Brown arrived from Berlin much agitated about paying for his horse & wagg. - considered himself ill used - paid \$1.75 for 21 miles - the terms were 8" pr mile - he bro't news of my friend Luman Norton, who was on his way to N.Y., falling from his wagg. & breaking his left arm - on the road to Troy a few rods this side Wid. C.Armstrong's - was seated in a wagg. seat on the top of a ld of ware - the wheels suddenly falling into a deep rut occasioned the unlucky & painful catastrophe. I fussed much at night getting ready to go to Albany. Sold to Bisbee pr his 2d son a good veal calf 4 wks & 4 days old. J.F.Billing called to know if we wished to buy shad - informed him we did not.

Albany- THURSDAY, MAY 20 Hazy & cloudy - at night there was a smart thund'r Troy Expedi- shower. With father & J.Rog. started about 7 this tion. m'g for Albany - rec'd order from Dr Swift to S. & Grant containing \$28 Washington & Warren money, which in the sequel was not accepted of. Very bad waggoning to Wadsworth's where we arrived past 11. From there to Troy the road was good. Met at W's Capt P.Harw'd & lady returning from a journey to Hamilton - left there his brother Nathan - Stopped to view the Sloop, Lock & Dam - the latter being broken thro' made it a desolate place. At Silliman & Grant's left Dr S's order & nailcasks - past 3 P.M. began crossing the river at the upper ferry. A lady, foot passenger, requested a seat with us & it was granted - she proved to be sociable - had been engaged last year on the great road from Troy to Albany in keeping boarding house - at 2 D's pr w'k, in good style as

May 1824 as she represented - informed that she resided in Schodack - had been married about 16-1/2 yrs to a Mr Campbell - carpenter & house joiner, well built, good looking man, aged 38 - herself, 33 or 34 - rather taller than the generality of females - lean countenance, but still having a look of energy that showed her to be a person capable of performing much business - said she had buried 2 children - 5 were living - the eldest in her 16th - the youngest, boy, in his 5th yr - We landed this lady in State St - Drove to an inn W. side of Pearl St - left our horses baiting, and commenced a tour of observation - J.Rogers discovered Austin Stiles' Jun'r sign - called in & as we were passing along gave us an invitation there, which we readily complied with & We found our friend enjoyed in the grocery line - were treated with beer which he drew from a cask in his cellar by means of a pump - the first of the kind I had ever seen - shewed some very excellent cheese which he purchased of a Rhode Islander living a few miles W. of the City. Leaving J. Rog. at this place we advanced towards the river - rained slightly - at the end of the street turned to the right keeping directly down Dock Street where were immense quantities of merchandise of various kinds & all the bustle usual to commercial places exhibited in full - being arrived at the Steam Boat Station, boarded one of large dimensions which we afterwards learned was the James Kent. To us she appeared to be superbly fine, everything being in style & grandeur the most compleat. Being in a manner satisfied with what we had seen, hurried back to our host's - found him sick - could not keep our horses - we sought & found new quarters at the house of Mr Wormer, Pine Street, on the hill N.E. the Capitol - A little before sunset visited the Capitol about which we were shewn by a youth from 13 to 15 who informed us that







all the paintings we saw were the works of a Mr Ames of that City. Taking leave of this place we had some reasoning to do with our boy, who wanted 25 cents, which was more than we thought the service demanded. When we first put the question to him on the subject he declined specifying any given sum, but on my insisting on that he would ask he said 2/0 Y'k - we gave him 1/6 in that currency and departed.

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We next took a view of the exterior of the New Dutch Church. Hearing the bell of a neighboring church ringing for service - father attended there, while J. & I were gone to a hatter's shop owned by a Mr Knower. Here I purchased a fur hat for O.W. Daniels for which paid in full \$2.50. We were weather bound while it rained, thundered & lightened pretty severely - this was in S. Market St., a few doors below the the Museum on the opposite side. Retiring to our lodgings through the streets in which were roaring brooks - ended this day's adventures.

FRIDAY, MAY 21 Cold morning - cool through the day - flying clods - wind N.W. - quite cool in the evening. We took our departure from the Inn as early as 6 o'clock, paying for horse-keeping 37-1/2", other charges made a total of 62-1/2" which was duly paid. Rode directly to the water side where the mortal ants were employed at their daily task - Viewed the great machine called "Mud Turtle" used for deepening streams, at a distance - saw the works going on about the Albany Bason - saw a canal boat pass through Lock No. 53 - and then we cleared for Troy where we arrived before 9 - here we met with our boys H. Debar, J. Hand & afterwards J. Rog. found his brother-in-law Brad Godfrey - Had no time for chat but must attend to buying up such articles as we needed - at Kellogg's bo't 1/2 hund hoop iron - pd in full \$3.50 - at another place 2 corn brooms for 21" - and for 1/2 doz more at another store paid 92" - for rivets at K's 12-1/2 for 100 of them. Paid \$5.25" at Silliman & Grant's for 4 bhls coarse & a sack of blown salt containing perhaps 4-1/2 bhls. Bo't of J. Garey 13 lbs soal leather at 25" & morocco skin \$1.12" making a bill of \$4.43" on credit. Paid at Arnold's for 14-1/2 lbs codfish & 7 lbs rice 75" which added to expenses on the road and \$1.54" paid for 412 lbs plaster made a full am't of money paid out rise to \$15.19" - add \$4.43" (\$4.43") due Garey & our load cost us \$19.62" - Delivered to J.G. Hehdryx his music books - 3 No. of Riley & bro't out a hat for his father

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By this time the day was far advanced - Jonathan was not with us - but so precious was time to us that we could not wait for him, improving it in slow advances on our way towards home through Lansingburgh. 12 o'clock when arrived at the little Inn at the top of the main hill. At Germond's we baited - J. Rog. overtook us there - Had some conversation with one of the Landlords respecting the Tariff about which he tried to show indifference, but it was evident enough that he was an opposer. We drove to Wadsworth's - found E. Young & lady there - they had advanced from G's a little before us. On the road a little below the Methodist Meeting house met Mr L. Sherwood, who among other affairs told us that his cheese sold in New York at 4093 lbs - rec'd for the same \$229.00 or thereabouts. From Wadsworth's it was in many places most prodigious bad waggoning - full of deep ruts which were unavoidable. About the close of the day arrived at H. Four Corners - halted at Newell's - saw P.M. Armstrong who said he was in health & smart - Just before coming away begzn talking with Maj'r Foster concerning the Battles of 1814 - left him right in the midst even without thinking to pay for a pint of cider. Made out to reach the height of Armstrong hill - which almost tuckered our mare called "Nancy" - and it was with no small







small difficulty that we, after leaving Dr Swift's 250 lbs nails at his house accompanied with a letter from S. & Grant, arrived at our old abode - Found affairs regular - O.W.D. had done well.

Kent SATURDAY, MAY 22 Pleas't, rather windy & cool P.M. Plaster was sown by father & O.W.D. on the sheep pasture E. of the Sug. place - also sown on flax &c. Mr Kent rivetted, assisted by me, & set 5 hoops on our new cistern which was fixed on solid foundation N. o of the cheese shantee - adjusted the spouts for carrying into the cistern water from the eaves.

SUNDAY, MAY 23 Pleas't & pretty cold - Mother & Damia rode to Esq Noble's carrying with them H. Hopkins our litt. son S. Waters went with 'em to the S. part of the town. Spent a short time with J. Norte. Jun & Humiston at night.

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May 1824 This eve'g Mr John Lewis, Lebanon, N.Y. was married to Miss Esther Stre Street of this town - the former aged 26, the latter nearly 23.

E. Street. MONDAY, MAY 24 Cloudy-wind N. till late in the day - then it was S rained some at night. Digging stone employed us till past noon. P.M. our flock, 27 in number, including two strays, was washed. washed by Parsons at a spout - B. Ayres & O.W. Daniels performed the chief part including Brown's seven. Brown was present & assisted - als also Spencer, T.C. Parsons & Kent - the latter this morning rec'd on cr. M. Street. 6 bbls potatoes. Mrs Waters & Miss M. Street visited our ladies this H. Parsons. P.M. - S. Waters was of the party. Henry Parsons came over from Hoosick to see his folks. For my part washed 3 of the flock in which there wer were 28 lambs.

TUESDAY, MAY 25 Very cold - wind high from N. fly'g clds. Building stone fence on the Brown line W. next to the woods Duncan. constituted the business. Duncan dined here. Rec'd a very handsome warrant for June training under the signature (printed) of H.B. Stacy. L. Norton called forth his Highway District to work on the road on the 2 27th inst. We will set it down that on the 24th inst. apple trees were Blossoms. in full blossom.

Frost. WEDNESDAY, MAY 26 During the night there was a most severe frost whic w hich cropp'd the clover, leaves of trees &c. there was ice this m'g in a tub thicker than windowglass - cold all day with cutting blasts of wind from N.E. very frequently. All employed Dr Swift as above. Mother & Damia visited Dr S's store & Peck's Cott. Factory - bo't goods & 2 lbs cott batts. Cous S. Robinson buried his only child, S. Waters a daughter nearly 2 yrs old - S. Waters came to tarry here this night Capt Fay. with little Martha in comp'y - Capt Fay drank cider with us at noon, refused to dine - read to him Gordon's account of Lexington & Munker's hill battles - a task I delighted to perform.

Highway. THURSDAY, MAY 27 Signs of rain - heavy breeze from S. cldy - Pretty cool morning - Worked on the highway - L. Norton, Su Bliss. Surveyor - had in our employ more than usual Mr Bliss all day - Charles Brown. Brown, P.M. only







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The work stretched this day from the little hill this side Brown's, S. to a few rods beyond a little stone bridge against a large butternut tree standing on a majestic rock between which and the bridge is a kind of slough - the latter, I mean the bridge, was taken up, repaired & put down again in good condition. Considerable quantities of blue hill slate were strewn along the road as usual. A greater deficiency of ox-labor occurred on this occasion than is common in our District - I would say fewer yokes of cattle than has often been bro't on. Those who composed the party whose names I recollect were Messrs J. Loomis, Sam. Loomis, B. Harwood, E Fay Jun'r, Sol Searles, G. House, L. Norton, T.C.Parsons, J. Rog (who previously to coming to work rode for us to the inn of J.H.Hicks' on special business) Capt Fay, John Greenslet, & after mentioning Alanson Sibley must omit the boys altogether. Saw Wm Haff in Tan Brook with a horse wagg. loaded with scythe snaths - of which bo't 2 without trimmings for 25 cents, paid down.

FRIDAY, MAY 28 Thundered & rained considerably this mg and almost half filled our new cistern. P.M. finished working out our road tax which amounted to \$5. - I would write \$6.60. They carried their work down below Fay's. L.Jewett turned out himself this day. Called at MrsFay's to talk about pay for weaving - was not in immediate want of cash or goods - wanted I should, in the course of the season, pay at Dr S's store on her account about \$7. - which I engaged to do. At Capt Norton's viewed his new building for carriages, waggons boiling place, granary &c which when finished must be very convenient. Passed a few jokes with our friend Lydia N. Walked home accompanied by Mr Bates. Neighbor Parsons with his Argus visited here this eve'g. Vegeta'n Vegetation flourished, because it was pretty warm till past 2 P.M. - rained some more - remained cldy through the day. There were among the flock at this time thirty lambs - most of them good ones. Milked 9 Cows. Lambs. cows including a farrow three yrs old and a 2 yr old heifer.

SATURDAY, MAY 29 Fair & warm past 9 in the morning - Fences were repaired, smoke house removed & a shantee erected over the Cistern. Cha's Brown & the ladies made a party at the rocky summer house. Ruth Fay formed one among them. Miss Amanda Duncan came early this morning the mother of a daughter. Mother visited at Mr Godfrey's along with friend C. Rogers. Mrs Sophia Hatheway, consort of Seth H. Jun'r, daughter of Capt James Nichols departed this left 2 or 3 o'clock P.M. in her 32d year. Butter sold from May 18 1823 to May 18 1824 amounted to 333 lbs 10 oz., bringing the sum of \$48.32"  
Dairy. Cheese - 1509 lbs 8 oz \$75.47"  
\$ 123.79"

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SUNDAY, MAY 30 Warm growing season - wind North. Several little of fices occupied my time so much & such languor trameled my mind, that peace reigned but little there. Read some in the Argus - particularly the account of the unhappy affair of the Aetna Steam Boat and several other articles. The remains of Mrs Hatheway were consigned to the tomb. Mr Peters preached. Father, C.Brown, Cath Rog. Lyd. & Damia attended service. Mother visited Mr Duncan's - found all brave there.

Hopkins. MONDAY, MAY 31 Quite warm - wind S. fly'g clds. Our little boy had a very restless night - sent for Dr Swift - the old Dr was gone from home. Dr Heman came & pronounced it the St Anthony's fire. Previous to his appearance the smoke house was again hoisted from the spot on which it was landed May 29, being in front of the house.







back door to a place a few rods N. of the house in the orchard - This was done to prevent Dr Dick. from seeing it, but as it happened he was not the man, however we were not much less solicitous of account of other people to whom it might have given offense. Hopkins grew better before night - buckwheat flour was applied outwardly.

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June 1824 With J.Rog. started for Mr Sherwood's, Hoosick - some business was transacted in Bennington Street - R. settled with J. Hicks - found due him about \$3.00 - Left 1 horse harness there to be repaired on his acc't. At D. Clark's saw a sister of his with her husband from the SW part of Pittsfield - by the latter sent my compliments to H. Taylor with information that we were well - Found Capt Sherwood with his sons & neighbor working on the road - it was nearly 12 at noon - dined - staid talking & viewing curiosities some time - Lyman had planned a very handsome door yard laid out in squares between which ran fine wide alleys filled with pounded slate-stone from 12 to 18 inches in depth, exhibiting the marks of great industry & much taste - Saw good hogs, fine pigs & to cap all a number of pretty rabbits & fed by the little boys. Their whole dairy was to consist, when the calves should be put away, of 25 cows - had made about 23 cheeses. Lyman engaged to pay us a visit with his sister Sophrona in 2 or 3 weeks. We came home by way of Mr D Rogers'; where Jonathan rec'd from Sherwood 2-1/2 bbls rye - Daniel Jr had business in Bennington - I rode with him to Hick's and was highly entertained conversing on various topics - found him favorable to the promotion of manufactures in our country - After arriving here walked to Capt Dimmicks, Pownal, to get friend Horace to shear our little flock - he had just returned from the same business at Deacon Merchant's Drank cider, supped, & in a most friendly manner conversed with him while he was milking his 2 cows, after which he had the goodness to accompany me home - and further entertained the family with many of his observations delivered in his comical way. Smith Montague whitewashed here for the ladies - also found lime - all to the credit of his brother - Performed a like service for J.Rog. Father & O.W.D. built wall at Walling. the S. end of the spring wheat field.

TUESDAY, JUNE 1st Very warm - wind strong from SW which constantly filled the roads with dust - making the business of the day extremely irksome - there was a pretty smart shower of rain to end with - Performed Military Duty in the Floodwood as usual. Capt J. Dewey, Lieut M. S. Norton &c - the companies was all out - S. Thayer commander of cavalry.

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June 1824 ensign, D. Love, being all present at roll call thought the Capt'n for particular reasons did not take the command, which of course devolved on the Lieut't who performed in good style. Our music for want of drummers failed - we had one who did as well as he could & that was all. My left hand man in the A.M. was J.Martindale Jun'r - P.M. Jon. Pratt was stationed at my right & a stiff (stiff) Irishman at my left - marched up to the court house but once. Had the law read to us - from which the captain took occasion to inform the company that in future he could return none equipped unless they were provided with a knapsack & canteen. During the recess at noon had a pleasing discourse with Isaac Wright son of Judge S.W. of Pow'l - on various subjects. Heard news of fire in Albany & of the destruction by that element of the college edifice at Burlington, Vt., May 27. Saw W.A.Griswold at D.Clark's. Friend Dimmick, assisted by father, sheared for us 27 sheep.







A. & B.  
Squires

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 2 Continued very warm & cloudy, rained some at night. Walling was the main empl't. Alson & B. Squires came to see about buying our bay 4 yr old colt, but his being unsound & our price being \$60.00, no bargain ensued. Tried to find the three year old, but without success. Mother rode to uncle Sam Robinson's - didn't return till Thursday morning - I think.

Colt shod  
at J.  
Norton's

THURSDAY, JUNE 3 Cold & cloudy - rained a little in the night, wind steady from SE. The walling was pursued. P.M. got the colt shod at J. Norton's by his son ~~Clark~~ Charles - the animal did not behave much out of character - shewed a disposition to chew his halter - therefore iron was given him instead thereof. Uncle Joe, Mr Rider Jun., and a boy the natural son of Jonathan Bruce, once a blacksmith in this town, who died in the army - this boy was sent to Ballard after a pint of whiskey for which I paid according to the old custom - much credit is due friend Charles for the handsome manner in which he shod & cut or burnt, the colt's lampass. Mrs L. Fay rec'd on our acc't at Dr Swift's \$1.79" At night Chatfield bro't here the Argus of June 1st giving an account of the fire in Albany.

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Dr Harmon

FRIDAY, JUNE 4 Warm & cloudy, some rainy. Walling contin'd. Mr Ayres sold us a butternut scoop shovel - to pay for which drew him a l'd of wood from gen. R's woods in a cart consisting of soggy refuse stuff & agreed to let him have 2-1/2 bhls potatoes - Mother stated that she had visited Mr S. Scott's - saw there Heman Hopkins - son of Mr Steph'n H. a very respectable inhabitant formerly of this town - who informed his father-in-law Mr Leonard Robinson, now nearly 90 yrs of age, was still living at Scranton - enjoying good health - had every year as yet mowed a small piece of meadow near his barn & got it in with his own hands. She also saw at Mr S's Dr Harmon, the brother of Mrs S. direct from Burlington.

Colt led  
to Sher-  
woods.

Isaac Cole

SATURDAY, JUNE 5 Rainy in the morn'g became finally a pretty fair day - wind N. - extremely warm at intervals. Same business contin'd - Rode with friend Brown, J. Rog. being with us as far as town, to Mr L. Sherwood's to convey the aforementioned colt, which was tied to the hind axletree of the big wagg. - he broke his halter twice or thrice - B. assisted me through every difficulty - the object was to have him tutored to business by Mr S. at his sons. Supped ab't half an hour after sunset - Mr S. got up his young horses - caught a young 2 yr old mare with which I returned home - much as I drove out - this was for the purpose of paying for the keeping of our colt while they were breaking him.. The evening was very fine, the moon giving a fair light & my friend & I were busily employed in friendly chat during most of the ride - not far from 9 when we reached home. Isaac Cole & his lady, daughter of Capt P. Harwood - paid us a visit this P.M. - was sorry to leave Mr C. whose manners & conversation much pleased me - my father had the politeness to suspend his labors in order to spend a few moments with him

Minister  
Parsens.

SUNDAY, JUNE 6 Warm & pleas't, a neat growing seas'n. Transacted usual business but suffered much from a kind of lethargic feeling which followed me up till about sun-set - afterwards became pretty clear. Father, Lydia & Brown attended meeting - Mr Parsons from Manchester preached & well too. Midshipman Asa Edwards visited here a few moments at the close of the day. Said he assisted at Perry's Victory. Lost - 3 old sheep & 3 lambs gone.







June 1824 MONDAY, JUNE 7 Cloudy & very warm- rained a little. This morning visited town. Borrowed of Dr Swift \$5. Paid Mr T.Daniels Tillettson Daniels' \$1.25" - signed a note with him drawn by Daniel Kellogg in favor of Rodney C. Royce - five dollars twenty eight cents with interest payable in good merchantable corn or rye on the first of Dec'r next. Went to see friend Bisbee respecting money - he was absent - saw Erastus and a good many workmen. Borrowed of D.Clark a travelling trunk. Rec'd harness from J.Hicks' - price of repairs with out back band \$1.00 on J.Rogers' account. A letter was deposited in the P.O. for widow Theodosia of Attica - paid 15" of the postage - Returned home & assisted at hoeing. C.Brown worked for us P.M. Reynonds Carpenter came to look at our Sir Peter Teazle colt which he appeared to like - made no offer but hot our price which was \$50.00 Mother & Swift's store. Damia bo't at Dr Swift's goods to the am't of, if I mistake not, \$6.44" including a wheelhead, the best of all, price 75" - the remainder in Eli Car- gew-gauze. Eli Carpenter on his way to town made a short call P.M. A.Brown. Abraham Brown wen to Pownal to get timber for his new cart body - broke the old one transporting a load of slabs from Brown's mill, Pownal. Bisbee. Mr Bisbee this P.M. rec'd pr young Martius Selden a large fine veal calf

TUESDAY, JUNE 8 An extremely warm day indeed - clouded up thundered & rained some at night. Finished hoeing one field C. & L. & about half the other in the S.meadow. C.Brown & his brother Lewis Brown. assisted. J.Rog. went to town to see about buying a cow. Had a dry Jug lost. hunt after a jug which we lost on the highway when at work there. Wool O.W.D. was sent to examine the flock this morning - counted our usual number, so we concluded they had returned since Sunday. 27 fleeces wool weighed 82 lbs. P. 428

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9 Sultry, very warm - wind SW, A.M. P.M. thundered. & rained a very heavy shower. By noon finished hoeing including garden beans. Charles Brown had worked for us the C.Brown. present season 6-1/2 days. P.M. father & O.W.D. recommenced walling - Shower. I went to mill - staid during most of the shower at Capt Hills' - Mr D Weeks was there also - related a story of

June 1824 a journey which he performed to Homer, N.Y. in the fall of 1804 whence he transported Thomas Palmer with his family & effects - His relation of this was quite interesting - the country being then new & the roads bad - Returned by way Manlius Square in company with a man who drove a 4 horse team carry'g 50 bbls wheat to whom he was of particular service coming through the deep roads to Albany - he had a load of 24 bbls himself - took on six more for the other gentleman before they arrived there where the price for first quality was \$2.00 pr bhl. Mr W. obtained but 15/0 Y'k for his. In 1804 a great snow storm occurred in the early part of Oct. which greatly injured orchards, forest trees &c The shower being mostly over Mr W. departed & I soon followed as far as Safford's Mill - returned immediately home - found E.Carpenter who wanted a Young Minister among his cows. We had a rainy unpleas't time J.Rog's milking at night. Our cistern was filled with water. J.Rog. bo't a 3 bow. yr old heifer of Wm Haswell on the 8th inst. - bro't her home the same evening - and we began to pasture her this day.

THURSDAY, JUNE 10 Coldish, flying clds. Pursued walling. Carpenter's Brindle- boys came up & drove off our brindle minister - agd minister. 1 yr last Dec'r - Mr Lem Sherwood dined with us - reported well of our U.S.cider colt. In the latter part of the day a rough U.S. cider drinker visited us, who on account of his ill conduct was turned out of the house by







A. Brown main strength. A. Brown & J. Rog. had a harsh explanation respecting a note which the latter sold to D. Kellogg against the former, amounting to about \$5. Read the Tariff Law in the Gazette.

FRIDAY, JUNE 11 Cool & pleas't. Same business again. Adeline & Hopkins came up to see us at our wall N. of the spring below the rocks. Mother rode to U. Edgerton Esq's for a visit. Company. Miss A Godfrey and her sister Whitney visited at Mrs Rog's. Rec'd from C. Bisbee Jr pr J. Rog. \$2. in cash.

SATURDAY, JUNE 12 Cold in the morning - cloudy & hazy P.M. Finished walling for the present - whole number of rods 25, built since May 25. This morning visited Mr Hicks' with Mr S's young mare. C. Brown sketched a considerable piece of painting copied from a Connecticut print.

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June 1824 SUNDAY, JUNE 13 Clear & cold - wind N.W. Rather sluggish. Perused several parts of Numbers about the old Jewish regulations concerning their women - read newspaper. A family visit was made to the shelving rocks. Friend J. Rog. went to Pow'l with 1 h wagg. Betsey bro't home Miss B. Pope our hired maid - & got grain due him at Mr Eldred's. Pope. G. House called to see J. Rog. towards the end of the day. G. House.

J. Rog. MONDAY, JUNE 14 Flying clds - fair - Rode to J. Norton's with J. Rog. Veal. where he got 2-1/2 bbls corn. John Rog. killed a veal calf for us this morning - then I carried to work at Blackall's near Ballard's - Sold my calf skin to Ballard - 10 lbs for \$1.00 - Ballard. Carried grist for Parsons - Spoke with Harvey Bliss about making a chest for O.W. Daniels to be paid for in rye and corn, \$2.25" - Visited H. Bliss. Dewey's mill, talked with Eldad respecting his mill which I earnestly desired him to put in repair &c. John Hicks charged 50" for making H Fassett back strap & some other notions charged to J. Rog's. Paid to H.H. Fassett \$1.08" which father borrowed of him & paid over to Mrs Selden towards Stores Damia's bonnet. Bo't at Dr Swift's 1 lb pearl ash - charged 0/0. Bo't of F.B. & Co. a chain halt'r for 28" - 1/2 lb rope 25" on credit. Thomas P.M. attended to other concerns. Thomas Williams, a pretended clock Williams. tinkler, came here on Sunday evening - staid all night - worked a little at the clock for which asked 25"cents - straggled off to the S. part of the town - after some time returned & doctored J. Rog's clock - took cider & victuals for pay - came to me to get his pay - I told him I did not calculate to pay him any money - if he wanted anything to eat or drink he might have it. Having argued a good while he took up with brandy & water - of the former he swallowed nearly half a pint & after due deliberation walked away. This person was rather bulky, of medium height, and well dressed - talked with ease when clear from drink, but no great dependence could be placed what he said - pretended to reside, if I rightly recollect, in the town of Athens, N.Y. west side of the Hudson - he might be 50 yrs of age. Made out our List for 1824 - 15 cows, 4 other cattle 2 yrs old, 1 yoke of oxen & 4 horses. B. Pope. Betsey Pope commenced working here at 4/0 per w'k - Mrs Parsons came here for an P.M. visit. Parsons

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June 1824 TUESDAY, JUNE 15 The cold was most extraordinary - frosty this morning - corn was cut down by it - Clear & chilly - wind NW or N.E. - Father, Damia, started for the N. in the 1 h. wagg. drawn by the mare Jenny. Hoed potatoes E. of J. Rog's, assisted some by C. Brown - P.M. hoed up burdocks in the N. orch'd and near the barn







Expedition Before 9 A.M. O.W. Daniels with cart & oxen entered the service of T.C. North. Parsons - hauled down & carted home a quantity of wood from the woodlot Parsons. of gen. Robinson - neighbor Spencer assisted under the immediate direction of sd T.C. Lydia & I weighed & divided equally 82-1/2 lbs raw Mrs Bates veal - 42 lbs 12 oz fine & 39 12 coarse. Old W. Wittum supped here. Gave an order on Dr Swift of \$1.00 to pay Mrs Bates for weaving. Mother visited at Waters' -

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16 Pretty cool - wind NW - pulled up mustard from amon the sp'g wheat - cleared the line between the barn Kent. yard & garden of some few stones - old wood was cut & sawed. Mr Kent h had oxen & cart to draw home app. branches. P.M. with oxen & wagg. Denio. carried wool to be carded to Hinsdill's - Met A. Denio & L. Burt with lds of bricks said to be for building a large dwelling house at the furnace. D. had lived for 1 year at that establishment for \$20.00 pr mont E. Montague month. E. Montague with his friend W. Eldred was laying the foundation o of new woolen factory on the mouth of Paran Creek, for Hinsdill. Saw aunt S. Robinson a few moments. Called only a mom't at Dr Swift's store & returned here in safety.

THURSDAY, JUNE 17 Continued cold - some cloudy, but mostly clds, wd N. Corn looked pale. A.M. dug stone with Oren. P.M. Lumber. on horseback visited the E. part of the town to see about buying fence boards. Mr Olin had not got any that he felt willing to spare toward what he owed me - would have some soon - was building a water wheel for Kent. Hinsdill - not able himself to labor much - Mr Kent was in his employme Colvin. ment. Saw Mr Colvin at the raising of Mr Lymans' house - agreed with L. Downs him to furnish me with boards, for grain. Saw & talked with Lorenzo Downs about selling him our 3 yr old colt. Rode to Mrs Crawford's & H. Dimmick got 6 runs yarn - Went to Capt Dimmick's to see Horace upon special business but he was gone to his uncle Elias'. Was told that the lady of Mrs C. Bar-W. Barney had just arrived in town. Saw Capt N's horse & wagg. at Capt ney Barney's. Capt N. had newly painted his out-house

FRIDAY, JUNE 18 Warm, fine dry weather, wd N. To Sam'l Safford on Mr Colvin's acc't delivered 2 bbls oats at 2/0 & 1-1/2 do corn at 50" & rec'd a load of boards which amounted to 6 gallo gallons brandy at 44" - over & above that the grain pd for - didn't think I made a very bright bargain. Henry Allen was present.

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June Friend Downs came over to view the colt - liked it - rather thought he 1824 should buy. Mr Hicks' stud attended by his master called here this L. Downs. eve'g. The after part of this day O.W.D. & I got butternut timber for Hicks studfence posts.

SATURDAY, JUNE 19 Warm & hazy - rained at night. Getting out posts H. Dimmick was our chief business. P.M. friend H. Dimmick came over & performed a goodly deed in his way - we talked much in the usual friendly style. O.W.D. went after his chest & it was not done. Lem Sherwood Friend L. Sherwood paid us a short visit at night with young Mr Haynes.







Extemporaneous Lines written by C. Brown  
on the evening of the 17th inst., in a  
secluded place at the foot Mount Anthony,  
S.W. of the residence of Mr B. Harwood in  
Bennington, Vt.

How silent is the lonely dell  
Save but the streamlet's play  
And the distant evening bell  
Telling time's departing knell  
That speeds so fast away.

Ah swift as on the wings of light  
Have sped those hours of mine  
And soon to tell my spirit's flight  
And to deck my funeral night  
That solemn bell will chime.

Yes when a few more transient hours  
Of life shall disappear  
Another mid these lonely bowers  
Will tread the turf & pick the flowers  
My hands have planted here.

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Ah soon perhaps in this retreat  
Another bard shall sing  
And tune his harp more soft and sweet  
Than I who thus so rudely sweeps  
With hurried hand the string.

Yet tho' another minstrel's strain  
May float upon the air  
Those wildly walks will be the same  
The rocks unchanged still remain  
The stream still murmurs there.

SUNDAY, JUNE 20 Warmpleasant growing season - flying clods - Felt  
much out of tune in the early part of the day - had  
to take a nap at noon - P.M. had but about sufficient time to attend to  
writing, read a litt. and to get off my beard - Evening disputed with m  
my mother on the question of acquiring riches - for which I was an advo  
Sim Threshcate. The soar headed boy Sim Thrasher paid his respects to us a littl  
er. past mid-day.- begged victuals & cider for his father who would not  
come in, but tarried by the horse-block, where Sim carried him the pro-  
visions, & they made a table of it. This youth with his sister, who he  
said was dead, visited us in the fall of 1820 - his head was then very  
bad, but now appeared much worse. I ought to mention as to the weather  
that in the AM it was foggy & a little rainy. Saturday P.M. drove from  
the pasture Hand's black cow & young calf home. J.Martindale Jr paid h  
his regards this eve'g way at the end of the day. Lent to Horace Dim-  
Gordon. mick for his father's use the first V. of Gordon's America - Sat'y PM.  
Looked into Byron's Childe Harold - found it good.



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June 1824 MONDAY, JUNE 21 Fair with flying clds - pretty warm - Hoes potatoes in the meadows - ended the day in the cornfield assisted by C. Brown as well as O.W.D. Lydia, late in the day, visited her friend Mrs C. Barney - Returned and had a course of tooth ache. This morning sold to Bisbee for his son Merrick a fine calf 5 weeks old and 7 bbls potatoes - charged only for 6 at 25" - \$1.50"  $\frac{3}{4}$  Desired Merrick Potatoes. to weigh said calf - promised he would.

TUESDAY, JUNE 22 Cloudy - there were a few short showers during the AM - PM rained considerably - warm grow'g seas'n. We continued hoeing with one short interval till noon - PM cutting old wood, preparing fence posts & looking to affairs about the farm engaged our attention. Charles B. worked for us the A.M. only. Isaac I. Wood Jr Wood Jr came where we were at work looking for lost sheep. Broached Cider. another hhd of cider. The cow called "Double Teat" began to rear a calf - Played flute this eve'g & read newspaper.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23 Warmcloudy & P.M. some rainy - thund'd - Pursued hoeing chiefly - interrupted by rain - C. Brown assisted. Betsey Pope visited the stores & bo't on my acc't at Blackmer's \$2.92" & at Swift's nothing at all.

THURSDAY, JUNE 24 Wet & cloudy in the m'g & P.M. proved rainy indeed - warm- thundered some. Made calculation for hoeing early in the day, afterward changed my scheme & tho't I would build board fence - for which purpose friend Brown made a heavy commander thinking to drive down posts therewith, but the rain came on so that it was not profitable to himself or me to work for us - therefore he retired to his studies.

FRIDAY, JUNE 25 Cloudy - very showery from the N. Rode early to Hicks. Hicks' - nothing was wanted there - went to Dr Swift's Swift's store, bo't 15" worth chalk line & 3 lbs nails - came to Blackmer's, bo't a

June 1824 spade for 5/3 - 3 lbs nails & 2 gimblets - the former at 9", the latter at 0/4-1/2 - returned home & pursued the business of building board fence S. side of the lane W. of the garden. Death of Ayres girl. Loran Ayres stated to me that his sister who resided at Manchester, named Elvira, was drowned in a cistern of water - wanted to hire a horse in order to carry his mother to the funeral of her daughter - Circumstances were such that I could not oblige him. This young lady was about 15 years of age - lived with Father & Damia. Mr Bennett the lawyer - it appeared she came to her death by rising in her sleep. Father & Damia arrived from the N. - had visited W. Hall, Tyconderoga, M't Independence, Pittsford, Rutland &c. Found cousins & No. cows friends generally doing well & in health. Our dairy now consisted of 12 cows.

SATURDAY, JUNE 26 Some rainy in the morning but was at length a pretty good day for business although a little showery. G. Godfrey The fence was continued. G. Godfrey Jr came here & conveyed Catherine to Algiers to which he had bro't his wife from the N. Corn looked remarkably small - Rye much killed throughout this part of the country. Wool. The rolls of the wool which I carried to Hinesdills' on Thursday-week, were bro't home by Sally & B. Pope.







SUNDAY, JUNE 27 Warm, except now & then a fresh breeze from the N. Could read but little - felt fatigued, out of health & sluggish - made out to peruse a few columns of the Argus & the account of B. battle in Gordon. Father & Brown attended service - Mother & B. Pope visited Staunton hill - We were plagued with G. House's white minister whose zeal caused him to break through the orchard fence in order to visit our herd. C. Brown executed a piece of writing for Mr Ayres on occasion of his daughters' extraordinary exit.

MONDAY, JUNE 28 Very warm - wd N. - Lightened in N. at night - J. Rog. butchered a calf for us this m'g & then went to Algiers to work - I set off, after much running & foaming, for Algiers with oxen, wagg, grist & veal - of the latter sold to A. Norton 14 lbs - gave the other quarter to E. Chase's wife - sold the veal's skin, 8 lbs, to Ballard.

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July 1824 Be't of Olin 340 feet boards which I rec'd in full for 2 bbls cider sold to him last fall. Be't enough more of Colvin to amount to \$2.25" Olin. aftr waiting a long time at his house for his return from Woodford & Colvin. carrying a l'd of bark to Ballard's - Dined with Mrs C. - said her L. Brown. father died in March 1816 aged 61. Father, O.W.D. & Lewis Brown worked at board fence.

TUESDAY, JUNE 29 Most extremely warm - Got measured for a pair of shoes at Spencer's. We hoed corn in the S. Meadow - J.M.B. Spencer finished that piece & began upon Jon. Rog's - Parsons & L. Brown were of the party - the latter worked for J. Rog. Mrs Waters & D. W's visi'd here.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 30 Very warm - showery at noon - 2 or 3 PM there was a real hard one with thunder. We finished hoeing J. Rogers Reg's corn & commenced his potato patch - left the work at noon at hoeing. which time friend Parsons had to leave us. P.M. it was so showert that Lewis & Oren performed very little at the potatoes, and very little in Posts. the garden. After the rain father & I got butternut for posts. We pd Donation Mr Poole for the benefit of his son-in-law Austin Stiles Jr who had to A. stilebeen burnt out in Albany \$1. cash. Mother visited off somewhere. Jr.

THURSDAY, JULY 1st Warm, with now & then a fresh puff from the N. rendering it much more pleasant than for a few days preceding this. A.M. boards & posts were prepared for fence. Oren finished plowing out Rog's potatoes - spent two hours or more doing the like for Parsons - joined us before noon in our business - P.M. we resumed the fence. Kent had horse & plow to Plough out his potato ground Colvin. Towards evening Mr Colvin came to receive pay for his boards - took 41 g's cider - 5 gs & 3 qts cid. brandy & 8 lbs cheese at 0/6 pr lb - had not got it to spare & was very unwilling to let it go - but have it he must & would. Mother & Catherine went to mill for us - A. Harwood came to buy our snip colt - said nothing decisive on the subject. One qt brandy due Colvin.

FRIDAY, JULY 2 Warm, cldy - some rainy P.M. Busy at the fence.

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July 1824 splitting boards &c. Merrick Bisbee rec'd for his father, 4 fat lambs. The 5 yrs old black cow's calf was one day old. C. Brown. Brown read Ossen at eve.

SATURDAY, JULY 3 Considerably cool - flying clds & wind N.W. Completed the board fence S. side of the lane to the







Board bridge - the boards & nails we calculated cost us \$9.50" O.W.Daniels  
 fence. before night, a short time, went away to attend a quarterly Methodist  
 O.W.D. meeting in Pown'1 near Tim Barber's. J.Martindale tarried an hour two  
 J.Mart. with us - assisted some in finishing off the fence - supped & returned  
 C.Brown. home. Friend Brown's Academy quarter ended this day. The ladies com-  
 menced spinning wool on the inst. Independence was kept in shafts  
 4th July/ bury at Huntington's - We heard many rejoicing guns during the day.

SUNDAY, JULY 4 Cool, fine air & flying clds from N.W. My usual wea  
 weariness attended me till some time past noon.  
 After shaving & fixing up a little took a walk S. into the N. edge of  
 L. Norton's farm. Found gis corn & cpg wheat which were contiguous in  
 Old um- good condition - in the standing grain found an old shattered umbrella  
 brella. - took it up - seated myself on a rock under the shade of some  
 shrubs - took a pleasant nap - read a few paragraphs in the Argus - cam  
 came away at the end of perhaps an hour leaving my prize in L's lane -  
 Viewed & put up rails on the S. line fence - salted creatures & return-  
 ed home before night - My father, mother, Damia & friend Brown attended  
 public worship. H.W. shewed himself here before evening.

MONDAY, JULY 5 Warm & pleasant - flying clds - wind south. The  
 Well-sweep well sweep (butternut) raised in the fall of 1815,  
 having been broken a day or two since father & myself went into the  
 woods to hunt one - looked at & fixed some parts of Norton's fence on  
 the line - turned back 4 young cattle which had broken through - pro-  
 cured a red oak sweep - returned from the woods - prepared & raised it  
 about noon assisted by J. Rog. Poked the bull.

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July P.M. finished hoeing J.Rog's potatoes as also a patch of our own.  
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TUESDAY, JULY 6 Clouds came, from S.W. warm - had a heavy shower of  
 Shantee. rain at the end of the day. Built stove shantee  
 assisted some by friend Brown who at night had a terrible pain in his  
 jaws & ears. Father & Oren repaired fences.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 7 Flying clds - wind N.W. - Cool. Seaparated from th  
 the rails of that fence which stood where that of  
 Peters. posts & boards completed last week now stands, such parts as answered  
 only for fuel. Mr Peters & his lady made a short call - father attend-  
 ed to them - my business called me to some places about the farm not of  
 ten frequented - stopped goose holes &c. Visited Parsons & Spencer in  
 their shop & rec'd a pair of shoes which the latter had made for me.  
 Brown's tooth-ache continued. Lord Byron died on the 19th of April

THURSDAY, JULY 8 Fair, flying clds, wd very high N.W. Removed the  
 Smoke-house smoke house from the orchard to the S. end of the  
 great gate at the corner of the garden - fixed fences up the lane &c -  
 P.M. fencing posts were got out by father & thistles mowed by O.W.D.  
 I rode to Capt A. Dimmick's & thence to a place 200 rods E. of Allen  
 H.Dimmick. Brown's where I found friend Horace D. working with Tim. Harwood at  
 chopping coal wood - agreed with him for 1000 ft hemlock boards for 12  
 Note. gallons brandy. Delivered up a note which I took of him on settlement  
 of acc'ts Dec'r 22 1821. On my way home spent a few moments with cous-  
 A.D.Robin-in Simeon. A.D.Robinson was getting a load of boards which had been  
 son. sawed out of ogs of his own - very good stuff - said they had more than  
 40 logs more on hand which would yield an average of about 400 ft board







Abraham FRIDAY, JULY 9 Warm & cldy - Rained & thud'd N.E. part of the town  
Brown. P.M. Hoeing corn & potatoes was the business at  
Bates & which employed Joseph Bates & son Newton on their own acc't & Benjamin  
Brown. Ayres.

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July and Elisha Searls on that of Mr Brown - the latter rode horse. Rec'd a  
1824 load of hemlock boards or Horace Dimmick pr his brothers Abel & Carlos  
Dimmick - let them have 2 quarts & a pint brandy towards the boards with which  
boards. found fault because out of 700 feet there were nearly 200 feet very sha  
ky & poor. C. Brown went to T. Harvey's to work Thurs'y P.M.

H. Dimmick SATURDAY, JULY 10 A great quantity of rain fell this day. Horace Dim  
mick came here - examined & made it all right re-  
specting the boards - took a due bill of him for 372 feet hemlock  
Boards. boards - measured to him 10 gs cid. brandy towards 1000 ft boards -  
C. Brown. C. Brown ret'd here P.M. Visited town at night - saw D. Robinson Jun,  
Judge Stepjhen, who had had his rib broken lately from the kick of a  
Dr Swift. horse - D. Clark & others - bo't some goods at Swift's & at Blackmer's  
- to the former paid one dollar cash. Doolittle let me have a parcel  
of old papers. Mr Bisbee agreed to pay to Mrs Selden on our account  
twenty five cents. I might have just mentioned on Friday that we em-  
T. Kent. ployed Thomas Kent awhile A.M. at riding horse to plough corn.

SUNDAY, JULY 11 Fine day, very growing season. Attended some to  
papers - assisted at turning cheeses &c. P.M. tow'd  
L. Norton. eve'g with J. Rog. walked to Capt Norton's - visited L.N. - found him  
engaged with the 2d Vol of State Papers, U.S. - my visit was rather  
spoiled by their (L. & J.) being obliged to contrive about carrying off  
B. Pope. ware. Betsey Pope road to & ret'd from Pownal.

MONDAY, JULY 12 Fair and fine. Fence posts were sharpened & driven in  
to the ground N. side of the lane beyond the barn-  
Brown. yard - Charles Brown worked for us chiefly at using the commander in  
driving posts - those posts were settled into the earth generally 2-1/2  
Kent. feet. Mr Kent worked half a day at fitting a plank into the cheese  
press on to which to press cheese & makeing a chesse follower besides  
putting 2 iron hoops on to a keg.







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Statement of debts &c Jan 1 1824:

Due Dr S.including S & Pick-ett	\$213.99
Dr S.store	26.84
H.Debar note	20.00
F.Blackmer & Co	18.09
Taxes	25.00
Sophia Waters	10.
S.Hinsdill	9.91
By way of J.Rog.	00.75
	<u>\$324.58</u>

For a statement of produce,  
1824, see p. 510  
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Debts against B.Harwood,  
Jan 18 1825 ~~\$ 122.79~~

~~Do Mch 23 1822 do 42.59~~  
Note Feb 28 1822 to N.Swift  
Pl. & Int. 122.79  
Do Mch 13 1822 do 42.59  
Medical acc't supposed 45.00  
Merchandise 25.40 112.99  
Note to S Waters 12.52  
do H Debar 20.95  
Joseph Hand 14.00  
S Hinsdill 14.65  
C Brown, est'd 8.92  
Taxes, State, Town & School 12.60  
do Minister 12.00  
School house stove 1.50  
Singing School 1.00  
Wm Haswell 3.00  
F Blackmer & Co 0.46 101.60

\$ 337.38

Debts due B.Harwood Jan 1 1824

C.Bisbee	\$19.00
O.C.Merrill (1822)	24.16
H.Hall	10.
D.Clark	5.00
H.H.Fassett	3.42
Judge D.Fay	3.50
F.Jackson	13.50
Gleason & Daniels	1.54
	<u>80.12</u>
O.C.Merrill (1823)	4.58
	<u>\$ 84.70</u>

Cattle & Horses, incld'g  
the flock 1824.00

Hd 2 bullocks	55.00
15 cows	225.00
4 2 yr olds	40.00
1 dwarf	6.
2 yearlings	12.00
<u>24</u>	<u>338.00</u>
2 working horses,	
mares	100.00
2 colts, 4 7 2	
ysr old	80.00
<u>25</u>	<u>180.00</u>
sheep	50.00
<u>29</u>	<u>50.00</u>
	<u>652.70</u>
Am't of stock alone	\$508.00

Debts due B.Harwood  
18 Jan. 1825

O C Merrill note	
Dec 19 1822	21.37
do Acc't	13.13
F Johnson	14.10
C Bisbee	12.73
D. Fay	5.00
Hall & Black'r	21.82
Sol Safford	8.05
Joseph Goodell	5.71
Darius Clark	8.50
J.Bates	3.78
J.Murphy	1.00
Cash in hand	1.30
	<u>95.12</u>

\$116.49







July  
1824      Statement of debts against  
            B.H. 1825 bro't up      \$337.38

Debt<sub>s</sub> due the same - 1825  
bro't up Jan 18 1825      116.49

Produce grown in 1825

Produce Grown - 1825			
Species	acres	Bhls	Price
S.Wheat	3	23	22.00
Wint.Rye	10	111	55.50
Oats,very li't	3	30	10.00
Corn	2	est 70	234 35.00
Potatoes	1	130	21.00
2o bhls			<del>8866</del>
lady fing			
	20		\$ 143.50
Orchd	8 Cid.110-1/2		
	bbls		82.88
			\$ 226.38

Cheese from 18 cows lbs		
3000 (3000)		180.00
Butter, est'd	480	65.00
13 veal calves @	2.17	28.17
7 swine - cwt	2100 pork	94.25
		367.42
80 lbs wool at	2/0	26.67
30 lambs		30.00 56.67
1 Bull sold Gleas.&		
Pars.		12.00 12.00
		\$ 436.09

Debts against B.Harwood 4th Mar 1826

Dr N Swift on Brown debt	129.00	
do Sett. Mar 1822	44.78	
do Store debts 1825	50.00	
do Med.Acc't 3-1/2 yrs	45.00	269.03
H Debar on note	4.00	
State,town & sch taxes	12.40	
Rev A Peters do	6.00	
, Mr Squires,Minister	1.00	
Joseph Garey, Troy	13.25	
Q & A Arnold do	12.68	
John Harwood,Shemk'g	4.15	
S.Hinsdill acc't 1825	3.85	326.36

List of stock on sd day:

2 bullocks	40.00	
18 cows & 3 heifers	216.00	
1 Bull	10.00	
1 2 yr old heifer	6.00	
4 calves	16.00	288.0
26		
2 working horses		120.00
32 sheep at \$1.50	48.00	
7 swine at \$4.	28.	
148 gs brandy	60.	76.00
Cheese on hand	18.	78.
B.Harwood	Cr	\$ 678.00
do	Dr	337.78
		\$ 340.62

Debts due B.Harwood March 4 182

Orsamus C.Merrill \$19.		
1822 note		22.65
Henry Debar tow'd paying		
Dr S.		16.25
Darius Clark do pork		14.40
F Johnson,board 1823		14.65
S H Blackmer,pork		14.15
Joseph Goodell,brandy		6.50
E Montague,estimated		8.00
Cyrus Hills Ac't		5.75
D.Ruttenbur do		4.00
N.Robinson, shoat		4.17
H.Dimmick	39.38	127.25
		149.90

Stock,20 cows	337.15	
Oxen	50.00	
Steers & others	20.00	
do	10.	
Working horses	2 125.00	
40 sheep	80.00	
8 swine	50.00	672.15

Debts	\$822.05	
	320.36	
	495.60	Balance in favor
		of B.H. 495.







July 1824 Lydia & Damia went to hear the 5<sup>th</sup> Jew, who was collecting alms for his people, preach. H. Hopkins, our little boy, ran away as far as Mr Hopkins. Bates' - during the hunt for him considerable alarm was felt on his account. J. Rog. visited Algiers - Carried (to) one of the twin Crawford's 1 bhl potatoes & 1/2 do for his mother to be left at the mill - for the L. Tracy former C. promised to leave the money - 25" - At night Mr Lem Tracy from Monkton, Vt one of our old neighbors with a gentleman named Smith staid here - appeared very religious - by request read before prayers f for him & the family, 16th of Acts. Mrs T. his wife, I think they informed me, died in March 1823

TUESDAY, JULY 13 Wind S.W. Much rain fell this day so that were prevented from completing the new b'd fence at which we employed ourselves when not too rainy - C. Brown assisted. Mr T. & his friend departed to the S. this morning. Old uncle Wittum dined here. We weighed a single curded cheese made from the milk of 11 cows and 2 young heifers, which went at about 22 lbs.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 14 Cloudy & some rainy - coolish. Finished the fence before noon. Father went to the woods & prepared a number of posts for future use. C. Brown & O.W. Daniels, ground scythes & executed in the little meadow some mowing - Visited friend L. Jewett to see if I could secure a few 2d hand shingles to patch the roof of the barn on the N. side - he could not at present ascertain whether he could spare any - wanted a number himself for that purpose - found him & his brother-in-law, Ayers, underpinning the N.E. corner of his barn - Capt Fay. Capt Fay sat looking on. Mother & Sally visited the store together Mrs Duncan (Dr S's) Mrs Duncan paid us a visit.

THURSDAY, JULY 15 Cool, high wind NW - rained some about noon. Finished hoeing corn - the boys mowed a spot near the barn. Father & myself assisted at removing Parsons' stone currying table which he had sold to Ballard for \$12.00 - G. House carted it to Algiers - present Uncle Ayers, J. Bates, N. Bates, A. Brown, B. Ayres & J. M. B. Spencer.

July 1824 We borrowed of Brown a long ladder - Professor Dewey from Williamstown paid us a short visit - out of health - going to the Springs. Merrick Prof Dewey Bisbee took off 2 lambs & a calf. This left us now 14 cows in our M. Bisbee. dairy.

Barn roof FRIDAY, JULY 16 Some flying clouds - cool - wind N.W. The barn was patched - I got the shingles of friend Luman yesterday - Brown put on the shingles - I held the rope - Edgerton talked with me in the time - Visited the woods to get poles to rig the cart for haying. Some mowing was done by the boys - hay raked up &c. Brown & Jon. Rog's got 2 scythes, 1 pitchfork at F. Blackmer & Co's & 4 rub F. Blackmer stones at Dr Swift's. O.W. Daniels took up in powder, shot &c. at the Dr Swift latter place to the am't of 68". Capt L. Sherwood bro't his lady here & made us a fine visit - father went to Norton's & House's with him - the former got brandy & sand. Mother & Catherine rode out together - the former bo't glass crock'y &c. Friend Brown worked all day with us C. Brown.

SATURDAY, JULY 17 Rather cool - fine good weather - wd NW. We got in 2-1/2 tons hay - mostly from the litt. meadow - Prepared cart for haying - J. Rog. assisted about it - went to Algiers to grind the scythe which he called his - Brown ground his at home. Jon. helped get in 1 ld of hay. Brown assisted all day (With my lady & Mis







Dr Swift Pope visited Dr Swift's store where goods were bo't for both - the former paid in rags for a quantity of crockery - I visited Clark's & Bisbee's )

SUNDAY, JULY 18 Fine grow'g season - a few flying clds. My reading was but little, and that in the bible, Bigland & newspapers. Mr Kent paid me a visit. Missed the Gazette from my files of April 6 & June 8 - Dr Bates & Professor Kellogg severally preached. In the evening we entertained as company - B.Loomis, H.Story, N.Norton & J. Martindale.

MOMDAY, JULY 19 Flying clds - considerably warm at some intervals - thund'd in the N.W. A.M. potatoes - in the N.meadow were hoed, assisted by J.Rog. P.M. we worked with him among his corn & potatoes which were finished by ab't 3 or 4 o'clock - the day's work ended in the garden. It was on this day & not on Saturday I visited the store as stated above - B.Pope rec'd on our acc't \$1.89" at Dr Swift's .

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TUESDAY, JULY 20 P.M. looked much like having rain, but there fell none. A road was mowed to the upper brook - beyond which to the SE & S the mowing was confined - light & thin as usual - C.Brown. Father & myself attended to raking hay & other affairs - C.Brown who worked for us on the 19th with O.W.Daniels performed the mowing.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 21 Handsome day - flying clds wd N.W. Haying progressed without interruption - 2 lds hay got in - C. C.Brown Martin'e Brown assisted. J.Martindale visited here at night.

THURSDAY, JULY 22 Good hay weath'r con'd. We sold a calf of good quality to Bisbee pr his 2d son - past 4 weeks old Mother rode in her 1 h.wagg. drawn by her favorite to Lovett's store near Pownal meeting house. Brown worked for us as usual.

FRIDAY, JULY 23 Warm, good hay, cldy, wd S.W. looked for rain. A piece of mowing against the S. side of the land, pretty good too, was performed, as well as some swampy stuff beyond it was this day executed besides getting in 2 loads - Brown assisted.

SATURDAY, JULY 24 Until the morning was far spent every appearance indicated approaching rain - thundered & looked black at the N. - we even were visited by a small shower. P.M. fine & warm. Haying was not pursued very warmly - O.W.D. was employed at mowing - C.Brown devoted the day to visiting his school delinquents from whom he could obtain no cash. Friend B's cattle broke over twice into our enclosures, twice he was informed of it without producing the desired effect - at last my father with his team & his own rails went himself & repaired the fence below the 2 orchards in order to feel any sort of security with regard to his crops. I went home with the sow mentioned p. 565 - Bargained with S. Loomis for 2 May pigs at \$1. a piece - came home - went to town - in the 1 h.wagg. with little Hopkins - bo't at Dr Swift's for 25" cr 1/4 lb arnate. One day this week Mr House's big bull killed one of Mr Savages' oxen.







July 1824 SUNDAY, JULY 25 Fair & very warm - wind S.W. Father, Lydia, Damia & Adeline went to meeting. Mother attended P.M. on ly. Perused some passages in Proverbs - opened to various parts of our H. Dimmick Revol'y Hist'y. Horace Dimmick visited us & returned the 1st & took out 2d Vol of Gordon's America - told some pretty jovial anecdotes &c. House. J. Martindale & Gid House visited here this evening. H.W. paid his respects where he thought fit.

MONDAY, JULY 26 Sultry - very warm - 4 P.M. a most violent shower of rain attended with frequent flashes of lightning Heavy thunder & some hail - some part of the time the wind blew amazing ly - The shower lasted, including the drzlings, perhaps 2 hours. J. Rog & C. Brown. & C. Brown assisted at haying - mowed S. & S.W. of the old brook place - Ab Brown. Just previous to the shower Mr Ab Brown came over with hands, cart & oxen & drew in 1 load of hay for us, for which he rec'd thanks. Dr Dr Swift. Swift paid a visit to mother on account of sickness. Mr Elijah Brown E. Brown. called a mom't being on his way home. Rode this morning with little Pigs. Hopkins to Mr S. Martindale's & rec'd a fine spring pig at \$1.25", credit, - At Mr Loomis' took those mentioned on Saturday & returned home.

J. Rog's C. Brown TUESDAY, JULY 27 Cloudy, poor hay weather - pretty warm - mowing was carried on by J. Rog., Brown & O.W.D. below J. Rog's house. Father & myself made & brought home a hogs-trough - turned hay &c. P.M. entdred the rye field W. of the upper part of the cow lane. Sett'l'mt Father staid in the meadow raking hay. J. Rog. cradled, C. Brown raked C. Brown. & bound aft. him. Reckoned & settled with the latter up to the 23d Bisbee. 23d inst - even at noon that day. Bisbee sent his son Merrick & rec'd a veal calf of good quality.

J. Rog's C. Brown Bisbee. WEDNESDAY, JULY 28 Flying clds, night & morn'g - strong SW wind - Some rye was cut W. of the N. meadow - some flax pulled - hay all secured. Rog. & Brown were with us. Merrick Bisbee carried off 6 lambs for his father - Mother & Damia rode as far as House's - the mare jenny was lame.

July 1824 THURSDAY, JULY 29 Extremely faint lowering weather, w'd SW - commenced rainy skowly at 4 P.M. - but not much fell. Flax pulled. The flax was all pulled & set up - began harvesting rye, but had to quit it when the rain came on - Rog. & Brown assisted. Dr Swift visited mother on account of sickness. Eve'g read Gordon.

J. Rog. & Brown. FRIDAY, JULY 30 Very warm - we looked for rain, but tho' it threatened hard at night, thund'd & lighten'd, very littl came this way. N. & N.W. of the N. meadow we harvested good rye. J. Rog. & Brown assisted.

Rog's & Brown. SATURDAY, JULY 31 Warm - cloudy A.M. looked likely for rain - changed P.M. - wind N.W. fair, grew cool. Finished cutting, binding & setting up rye - J. Rog. & C. Brown on the carpet. Father was a part of the day unwell. C. Brown went at night to pay his Academy bil to Mr Adams - I let him have cash to the am't of ninety two cents.

Story Brown. SUNDAY, AUGUST 1 Fair & cool wind N.W. Read some parts of the Early Hist'y of N. Engl'd in Gord'n - Father was so out of health that he did not go to church. Lydia, C. Brown, B. Pope and Adeline visited church. Damia rode with Mother to Pinch Gut to see Story Brown, grandson of the late Joseph Rudd, now much out of health.







so much so as to disable him from sitting up but a little part of the time. Hummiston, Kent, B.Loomis, Parsons & J.Martindale severally visited. Towards eve'g with fath., Sally, Adeline & Hopkins visited sheep & cattle.

MONDAY, AUG. 2 Good weather to make hay - strong w'd S.W. - expected rain. Grass all cut down in the litt. meadow by C.Brown. J.Rog, C.Brown & O.W.Dahiels - hay all got in except ab't 1 load a part of which lay in tumbles - the rest partly raked together. Mother visited at Scott's.

TUESDAY, AUG. 3 Showers arose in the N. & passed off in different directions, visited here but very partially - there was considerable thunder. Before it was day-light this morning father & myself raked together & secured the hay left out last night - taking care of hay, assisting at turning cheese & chopping & sawing old wood made our

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1824 employment. had on hand about 53 cheeses great & small - had made since 17th of May 56 in the whole - the average those made subsequent to the Rog. & Brown. 1st inst was about 27 lbs. Out boys, J.Rog's, C.Brown & O.W.D.mowed in Haying. the central parts of the S. meadow were driven from their ground several times by appearances & the actual descent of rain. P.M. they held the ground.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 4 Clear & quite cool - wind strg N.W. cold night. Continued haying W. side the S. meadow which produced better than in 1823 - Continued haying W. side the S. meadow - the hay was not all carted in - Same hands again. J.Martindale came & Visits. promised to work for us on the morrow. Mother, Lydia, Damia & my lady visited at uncle S.Robinson's. Mr Tracy with his friend Smith and two young ladies, the tallest of whom was the daughter of Mr S., - that gent had visited Nova Scotia - Next morning they went away.

THURSDAY, AUG. 5 Cold morning - clear good day for haying, wd N.W. A very considerable piece was mowed S. & SE of Jon' Rogers & house - great part of which produced finely - particularly what was C Brown. manured in 1822. J.Rog's, C.Brown (who this day became 21 years of age) & J.Martindale assisted. Rog. & Martindale drew in at night a Martin'le very large load of hay - say 35 hd. We calculated that the amount of Hay. hay got in was about 27 tons.

FRIDAY, AUG. 6 Hazy, wind S. - rained tow'd eve'f, only slightly however which hindered us from drawing in all the Hay. hay we had in N'h meadow where the mowing was executed by the same hands mentioned above - The rain broke them off from their work about Eli Noble 5 P.M. Eli Noble Esq, now 85 yrs of age, with his lady, aged about 80, paid a short visit here - removed to Pownal about 61 or 62 years since - was one of those who escaped from Ft William Henry, after the capitulation to the French & Indians in 1758 if I mistake not the day, he got off unhurt

SATURDAY, AUG. 7 Cloudy, rather warm, looked likely for rain from SW till past noon - clouds then broke away - wind N.W. Jonathan & Justin after mowing awhile in the morning were so sore that they gave up work for the day. C.Brown rode Old Nahcy to Berlin. Hay left out over night was raked up & bro't in - the boys assisted a little - some rye among Can. thist. was got in - late P.M father & Oren mowed in the N.mead. I rode to town with Jon. & Justin Rec'd \$4. cash of Bisbee towards calves & lambs.



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1824 Bo't 3 oz sweet oil at Dr Swift's - paid 12-1/2 cents for it - at home  
Aug forgot to take the phial out of my pockey & broke it, but save a part of  
the contents. Returned "Byron", took out Modern Travels from Clark's  
Library.

SUNDAY, AUG. 8 Very warm indeed, rained a little past 2 o'clock -  
held cloudy through the day, wind S.W. Mother was  
very ill -, Dr Swift came to pat her a visit P.M. Father went to meet-  
C.Brown ing. Read travels & papers. C.Brown ret'd from Berlin, N.Y.  
Martin'e J.Martindale paid a visit here.

MONDAY, AUG. 9 Sour, low, cloudy, weather warm, wd S.W. Great showe  
Martindale of rain & thunder early P.M. which ceased at 3  
Rogers o'clock. J.Rog, C.Brown & J. Martindale mowed for us - finished the N  
Brown. meadow & after the shower served the "Swale" in the Tracy lot in like  
manner and commenced cutting clover in the field occupied last year wit  
with oats on the side-hill S. of J.Rog's. Erected machinery for keepin  
the cheese room door shut. Went to mill - bro't home Mrs Dewey.

TUESDAY, AUG. 10 Cool & dry wind. They mowed clover - Dried & got  
in 3 lods hay in the N. meadow - the ring to the  
Mrs ox yoke was broken. Jonathan & Justin worked, but friend Charles was  
Dewey. sick. Carried home Mrs Dewey - carried & sold to A. Harwood 3 bhls  
Oats. oats for which rec'd in full 90 cents. Mrs L.Fay sent for money.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 11 Fine morning - before noon there appeared great  
signs of rain, but little of it came, though enough  
to spoil our calculation about business - The boys - J.Rog's, C.Brown,  
J.Martindale & O.W.Daniels most elegantly & closely mowed a piece of  
Mowing. tindale & O.W.Daniels most elegantly & closely mowed a piece of flat  
meadow in the S. mowing near the a walnut tree, which was manured last  
fall - & produced bountifully. Raking & turning hay, getting in the  
upper field of rye, 50 shocks, all the hay remaining in N.meadow &  
swale & reap'g some sp'g wheat made up this day's employment. Sent pr  
Mrs Fay. my lady this day two dollars in money to Mrs L. Fay.

THURSDAY, AUG. 12 Fine morning - no rain looked for but P.M.clouds  
came up - enough came to wet hay - some dis't  
thunder.

Aug. J.Martindale Jun & C.Brown left us. J.Rog. helped get in clover - the  
1824 oxen were set once coming across the upper brook, but they were soon re-  
Parsons. lieved. Parsons assisted at raking hay P.M. Uncle Nat Ripley lent a  
N.W.Ripleyhand previous to the rain while waiting for us to draw a gall. brandy  
to pay for a clothes basket, bo't by the ladies & Mr R. said he wanted  
his brandy to do his haying with.

FRIDAY, AUG. 13 Wind N., flying clouds - some thund'r in the N.E.  
Hay. We about finished getting in hay of which we reckon  
for this year ab't 40 tons - some parts yielded very well others light,  
but taken altogether was superior to last year. Our Eng. grain looked  
well & came in handsomely - the rye in the Tracy field, 3 acres, amount-  
ed to 50 shocks - N. & W. of the N. meadow - nearly 3-1/2 acres - about  
Richard 60 shocks. We employed Richard Pope to assist us this P.M. & paid him  
Pope. 5 lbs cheese. J.Rog. busied himself chiefly at hunting - assisted us  
Cheese. in getting in the last l'd of hay which was done about dark. Brown's  
folks being employed in the Fay meadow at the same business.







Cash SATURDAY, AUG. 14 Fair & very warm. J.Rog. cradled wheat which was  
from extremely fine - we raked, bound & Dutched it up -  
Bisbee. Rec'd from O.W.Daniels from C. Bisbee \$5. in money.

SUNDAY, AUG. 15 Cold nights & mornings - great dews in these days -  
Petersburgh very warm mid-day. wind N. With my lady, Lydia &  
little boy visited at Mr Thomas Phillips' - found all in good health -  
cousin Margaret lived at L. Smedley's, Williamstown. Saw Old Mr Barber  
- talked with him but a moment - was introduced to his son William -  
Patience had just arrived from her sister's in Berlin - with whom at P'  
we had quite a visit. Their crops generally, excepting corn, in these  
parts were fine. Late P.M. started for home - at the residence of the  
late Elder Brown took in Charles B's sister whom we bro't to this es-  
tablishment where we arrived after 9 o'clock. Charles was here & turn-  
ed my horses to pasture.

MONDAY, AUG. 16 Fine for business as well as pleasure - wind N.

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Aug. We finished cutting & binding wheat & it was nobly fine, grew on ab't 4  
1824 acres and we counted as we drew it into the barn 1584 sheaves. P.M. al  
Wheat. all hands visited town to see the caravan of animals shown at Hick's.  
J.Rog., who worked for us A.M. waited upon B. Pope & C. Stone to that  
Caravan. place - no other ladies from this house attended. They exhibited the  
Lion, Camel, Panther, Jackall, Bear, Eagle, several sorts of monkeys &c  
&c. My father and I went to view them - admittance 25 cents - children  
under 12 years of age half price - Their music performed handsomely -  
Patent bugle, clarionet, violin & bass drum. Visited the ball chamber  
where considerable confusion prevailed - French & Goodrich musicians.

TUESDAY, AUG. 17 Warm - looked likely for rain - fine for business.  
Carted two lds flax & all the wheat except 156  
Jona. sheaves which were drawn in 2 or 3 days previously. Captain Jonathan  
Fassett. Fassett, aged 79, tarried over night with us.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 18 Very cldy - appeared likely to rain & did so in  
Martindale light, short shower. J.Martindale cradled oats -  
Father & O.M.D. raked & bound after him - went to mill, carried rye for  
ourselves & a grist for Mr Ayres - had horse shod at j.Norton's. Visit  
Doolittle the mill at night - sold to C. Doolittle a small cheese which weighed  
12 lbs - at six cents. - the young copple were absent at the wedding of  
Sam Weeks to Ruth Dewey, 2d daughter of Stephen D. - At Dr Swift's bo't  
1 lb very white sugar for 14" - offered oats for sale. Saw E.Montague  
R.Carp'r & hands there. Talked with Reynolds Carpenter and talked with him re-  
specting the 3 yr old colt, which he thought he would come down on Sun-  
day to see, bringing his with him in order to know how they would match  
together.

THURSDAY, AUG. 19 A little showery forepart of the day, fair P.M. &  
J.Martindale pretty warm. J.Martindale Jun finished cradling  
Oats. oats about noon - the remainder of the work was compleated before night  
Dr Swift Sold 18 bhls oats to Dr Swift pr N.D.Faxon & 8 lambs to Bisbee pr Mer-  
rick - U.M.Robinson & lady paid an agreeable visit - Mr Fassett & a tin  
peddler from Troy staid all night.

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Aug. We finished cutting & binding wheat & it was nobly fine.  
1824 News arrived this day of the landing of gen. LaFayette at N.York on  
the inst.







FRIDAY, AUG. 20 Fine & warm - Peperation was made for rebuilding a piece of half wall, or rather altering - to whole wall & the scattering of wheat 7 rye lately drawn were threshed out - the former made ab't 1 bhl 4 qts - the other was less than that. O.W.D mowed around the edges of the wheat stubble - dried, raked & carted in about 400 of good hay - Evening sent him with a billet to S.Scott's to get some honey for mother - & he was successful. With Mr Haselton, the tin peddler, this morning we traded to a considerable amount - Rec'd a mid. sized milk pan valued at 37-1/2" for his fare & then bo't 12 more of the same for \$4.08" - besides some trifles paid in flax - for the four dollars I drew on my good friend Blackmer, promising to replace th the same within ten days. Also bo't for my youngest sister a sett of common Windsor chairs from John Smith of Arlington & paid in full 12 ga gall brandy - found a bbl to transport it in which he engaged to send down pr D. Clark's father. The property purchased of Mr Haselton D. agreed to receive if I am rightly informed.

SATURDAY, AUG. 21 Warm, faint morning. P.M. there came on a kind of cold rain from the S.W. which lasted 2 or 3 hours. A.M. a number of large stones were pried up in the wheat field - a load or 2 drawn & a beginning made to the fence. P.M. cheese were turned, old wood cut up &c &c At night H.W., J.Martindale & C.Brown tarried with us.

SUNDAY, AUG. 22 Very warm - flying clds - cold damp eve'g. Wrote many lines - read "Flowers of Mod. Travels". Reynolds Carpenter bro't his colt here to see how he would mate with ours - considered them tolerably suited to each other. J.Rog's & J.Martindale Jun'r were present. Betsey Pope & O.W.Daniels rode home in the big waggon - in the same conveyance came C. Brown & his sister Amanda. H.Waters. H. Waters had on his low round crowned hat - went away with his friends Eldred & Eldred & S. Montague. Montague

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Aug. 1824 MONDAY, AUG. 23 Very cool, flying clds, wd N. Some large stones were drawn A.M. Father was ill in the morn'g but worked P.M. Ploughing was commenced in sp'g wht stubble same part of the day. Bisbee Father assisted by C. Brown worked at wall. In town engaged Bisbee to pay F. Blackmer \$4.00" in money by Saturday the 28th inst. At Clark's looked at maps along with D. Ruttenbur. Coming home called to inform F D.Harwood Blackmer in what manner I was going to pay him. Damia rode to Berlin Berlin. with Amanda Brown.

Cheese sold A. TUESDAY, AUG. 24 Fine, flying clds, wind N. Had business in Algiers - sold 11-1/4 lbs cheese to A.Norton - got harness mended at H.Hull's - had light blacksmithing done at uncle Jo's - Chas Algiers. & his father were about to get a load of hay of some of their customers Gov Hunt Saw Gov. Hunt & Capt'n C. Hill together - good span, only the latter wa Borrowed was a little too short - J.Rog. rec'd tow'd 50" borrowed money, 45" in cash of goods at F.Blackmer's this morning. P.M. assisted (I mean myself) J.Rog's father at his wall - O.W.D. followed his plow - Dama arrived along with P.Barber P.Barber from Nerlin.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 25 Cloudy - looked some likely for rain. Wen to mill for J.Rog. & ourselves - the former rec'd from J. Norton 2-1/2 bhls corn. Had wagg. reaches & good double whiffle tree made by Mr Ripley - wagg maker - paid in full 1 gall brandy & 4 lbs side pork - Dined there & talked with his wife who I learned was born at Delhi Court House on Del River - was brought up in the town of







Berlin, N.Y. - had been married 2 years - now 28 yrs of age - husband 48 - first wife living - maiden name Bellows - daughter of Col. B. of Rockingham - lived long enough together to raise 6 children. From Mr Godfrey received directions for going to Middleborough Ms - Business being through within Algiers returned

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Aug. 1824 home - assisted a little at walling - settled accounts with C. Brown - owed him 7 doll's 41 cents tow'd 12-1/2 days labor on haying, & he was indebted to me in work for use of horse & waggon, three doll's. Mother's health improved slowly - Polly & Em. Robinson paid her a visit. Charles & I talked concerning the Middleboroug expedition.

THURSDAY, AUG. 26 Cloudy, rained very little at night - we carted from the young orch'd about 1000 small sheaves  
Oats. oats. This business belonged to the 25th as did the wagg. reaches &c to this day. P.M. drew stone some with horses. Mr Bisbee came down & introduced his friend White to me who wanted to hire me with my horses & wagg. to go to Goshen, Mass to transport his family to this place & pay in chairs - the pay did not suit very well, but on their representing the business in very urgent terms agreed to go - but in less than a moment I was sick of my bargain - father being most decidedly opposed to it. Harnessed wagg. rode off saw the man & got off from my engage't & visited at Clark's - Heard Merrill, Hubbell (James) and others talk respecting the approaching election - D. Henry wouldn't do. Had head-stall to 1 h. wag. harness mended on J. Rog's acc't at Hick's 42" -  
J. Rog's acc't. Went to mill, which ended the labor of the day.

FRIDAY, AUG. 27 Good day - My head is much confused - have jumbled many things together - The last part of Thursday's acc't should be under this day - The settlement with Brown was on Thursday.

SATURDAY, AUG. 28 Some rainy A.M. - P.M. clouds grew thin & scattered wind N. - Wall was finished, which made the fence on the N. side of the lane below the brook compleat - O.W. Daniel's chief business was ploughing stubble land with oxen except helping neighbor Brown more than half the P.M. of Tuesday 24th with cart & oxen. Rode to town with Parsons, J. Rog's & O.W. Daniels - had business at Dr Swift's store - borrowed 8 doll's in money of the D'r with which paid \$4. to F. Blackmer which I had borrowed of him 10 days since. J. Martindale Jun'r came home with us. Conditionally engaged Patience Barber to work for P. Barber. us next season. I mentioned 5/3 Y'k as the price pr w'k

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Aug. 1824 SUNDAY, AUG. 29 Faint & cloudy - wind S.W. Warm. Assisted in weighing 1854 lbs cheese - 71 in number. The youth of Cheese. the family went a blackberrying. The remains of Miss Mariah Weeks were deposited in the grave. J. Martindale Jr., Norm Norton & B. Loomis were here this evening.

MONDAY, AUG. 30 Cloudy & warm - rained a little P.M. and evening. Started for Troy about 8 this morning - Rec'd cash from Bisbee \$4. towards calves & lambs at J. Hick's. Undertook to carry a pattern of the window over Dr Swift's store door to G.M. Wadsworth, Troy, so as to guide him in making a leaden sash. Near Mr J. Woodworth's Pittstown, a Mr J.T. Davis, merchant, Troy, entered passenger who informed me that old George Tibbitt's trained him to business - was much in favor of real industry - wanted I should buy salt, tea &c of him, but I would make no engag't ad there was reason to suspect he might be a clos







adherent to the old miser's rules. At D.Merritt & Son's left an empty tierce, had another which I also carried down filled with little more than 500 of plaster for which paid, if my recollection be correct, \$1.97"  $\frac{3}{4}$  Bo't at Silliman & Grant's 7 bbls good T.I.Salt at 5/0 pr bhl p'd in full \$4.38" - Left the aforesaid pattern with Mr Wadsworth in Congress Street as directed, made a small blunder in the errand, but in a day or two it was corrected by Ed Swift - Put out my horses at Maxon's S. end of the town - went over the hill E. of the City - found my friend H.Debar at Hull's brick yard drawing wood from a short distance to the kiln which they had put fire to, which was said to contain 400,000 brick bricks - Henry appeared pleased at seeing me - supped with him at Mr H' went with me down to Maxon's - fed my horses - walked about the streets with my friend, who treated me with soda water - found friend J.Hand - his health & prospects good - left here, returned with H. & slept at Hull's - I have a remark or two to make respecting Mr Davis - He was twenty five years of age - a brother of George Davis, Hoosick, gave me only a glass of cider at Snyder's & a glass of wine at his own store & that was all.

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Sept. 1824 TUESDAY, AUG. 31 There gradually came on a rain storm from N.E. - a considerable quantity fell from about 10 A.M. till 2 P.M. - chilly & cloudy through the day. Paid my bill at Maxon's & was off by about seven in the morning - saw & conversed with J.Hand who deposited \$14.00 in my hands without interest the first six months. Before my arrival at Snyder's, rained extremely fast - halted there 2 hours during which saw an elderly man & young lady - his daughter as I presumed - from Adams, Mass - we thought he might be a clergyman. On the rain appearing to slacken, seated myself on my waggon & drove to Wadsworth's while it rained powerfully  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the way. Waited till 2 for fair weather, after which had no more rain of any considerable amount to encounter during my route home. AT W's saw a very fine barouche containing a gent. & 3 ladies bound to Williamstown to attend Commencement there on the morrow - provided with a driver. Arrived here by about dark. Parsons, C.Brown, H.W. & J.Martindale were here this eve'g.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 1 Black & cloudy - rainy P.M. - wd N. Assisted at winnowing 12-1/2 bbls rye - P.M. we threshed 80 shvs wheat. O.W.Daniels' finished ploughing 6 acres stubble gr'd W. & N.W. C.Brown. the barn - C.Brown here - Amused myself with the flute in the eve'g.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 2 Fine warm day, had a few slight showers. We obtained from the afor'sd quantity of sheaves, 3-1/2 bbls wheat, which I carried to mill. Bo't & paid 50" for plough p't at Hick Clark's Returned Flowers of Mod. Travels at D. Clark's - took out Life of P. M.Palmer. Henry. Rec'd letter from cousin Palmer, Hopkinton, N.Y., good news, Cheese. Aug. 16 1824. Agreed with Montgomery, Algiers, to make me 11 cheese casks for 22/0, payable half cash, rye at 50", oats at 25". P.M. bro't Lumber. home from Colvin's a load of 3 inch planks & some poor pine boards - Colvin. the former 269 feet, the latter 265 - whole am't being \$2.94" payable in cid. brandy on demand. Mr C. went after a l'd of bricks for the furnace house.

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Sept. 1824 FRIDAY, SEPT 3 The S.W. wind prevailed - cldy & warm - Six acres gr'd sown with rye - the ground gone over by O.W.D. Sowing. & myself once - remained yet to smooth down. C.Brown worked hard at C.Brown. thumping off flax seed - his brother Henry came to visit him. Father Flax seed. was fatigued with sowing rye. H.Waters & J.Mart painted kitchen floor.







SATURDAY, SEPT. 4 There were some very soaking showers this day - considered very beneficial too. The rains rendered it so bad working on the land that little was attempted that way. C. Brown finished beating off flax seed - the flax was drawn out ready for spin'g - geese picked &c &c &c Uncle Eph. Taylor paid us a visit from E. Taylor. Mr Waters' this morning - Lym Sherwood came here at night on the colt, Lym Sher- they, his father & brother, had broken for us - he looked finely indeed. wood. In the evening with friend Sherwood visited Dr Swift's store, bo't 2 Dr Swift. lbs br sugar at 11", one do white, 14", 4 do Nails at 9" & 1 do black Col. R. tea at 44" - Went to Col R. to talk respecting the gr't Manchester training for which I this P.M. rec'd a warning pr H.B. Stacy - he tho't his situation pretty delicate, had rec'd many applications on the subject already - would do for me all he could. In the street found Heman & U.M. Rob. - presently Parsons came up - we talked of the approaching Election. election - said what we pleased & went about our business - Parsons Parsons. rode home with us - bro't a warning for C. Brown from H.B.S. - the for C. Brown. mer tho't ill of friend P. about it - supposed the business would have J. Mart. rested easy if he had not meddled. J. Mart. staid here this eve'g. R.B. Pope. Rufus P. Pope the pedlar with brass kettles & skimmers & wooden dishes called upon us, but we bo't no more than enough to come to his dinner & oats. R.P.P. was here on Friday.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 5 Really warm, cldy, wind S. rained a good deal at night. Dr Swift this morning cut out a kind of wen from the left wrist of Patience Barber who endured the operation with firmness but at length fainted

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Sept. about the winding up of the business, however soon recovered so as to be 1824 able to ride with me & my daughter on her way to Berlin. Before starting, which was tow'd noon, carried mother as far as Dr Swift's old house on a short ride - her prospects were much clouded. On our way Expedition to B. we called, by request, at Mr John Powers' - saw a great many in Berlin. family, besides a wagon l'd of gent. who drove up about the moment of our halting. His dairy was fine - consisted of 30 cows - wanted to hire Patience, who agreed to go there & make his cheese as soon as her wrist should get well. P's stud looked well. We arrived at S, Griswold's in Berlin about sunset, were well rec'd.

MONDAY, SEPT. 6 It had been very rainy during the night, caused the river to swoll considerably. Mr G. shewed me the new Seventh Day Baptist meeting house which he had nearly compleated. - and the interior of D. Hammond's grist-mill in which there appeared much ingenuity. From Berlin came away about 9 in the morn'g - arrived here at 2 P.M. - met on the way a number of the Military going to Berlin to assemble for exercise there. Our good people had sp'd the flax, Ch Brown C.H. Brown being principal at it - performed the business during the A.M P.M. Oren & myself finished smoothing down gr'd sown with rye - had each a team - C.Br'n drove O.W.D's team near the close of the day.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 7 Warm and faint, wind fresh from S. The board fence N. side the lane was finished according to the original plan. O.W. Daniels lost his day in Pownal at town meeting where Lod'k Staunton obtained the prize over old Sol Wright. In this town the main candidates were Samuel Fay & David Henry - for the former many of the most staunch federalists voted & used their influence - the republicans were divided as to the latter - a small party put in scattering voted so that every time going round there was a tie - after the 4 or 5th trial the it was given up - there not being sufficient time for another - retreated from the ground between 10 & 11 at night. Bad means







were used on both sides - many were heavily laden with strong drink - Say no more. C.Brown plowed stubble gr'd for us, A.M.

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Sept. 1824 WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 8 Very rainy nearly all day - Had business in Algiers visited the mill - carried 4 bbls rye to pay toward cheese casks to Montgomery the maker of them, leaving due him 10/0 - Montgom'y bro't home 7 of the casks, a part of which were wet.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 9 Fair & tolerably warm. Had to scour my gun & bayonet in the morning, with these I furnished O.W. Daniels trains. Daniels who performed for me at training in Capt J. Dewey's Floodwood Cheese Comp'y. We packed and partially weighed 7 casks of cheese - the flax-packed. seed was winnowed, oats threshed &c. B.Loomis put in my hands \$8.31" B.Loomis. to purchase a stand of colors for the comp'y of cavalry in this town at Albany. J.Rog's assu sted in preparing to go the river. C.Brown travelled to Berlin, N.Y. and returned here this evening.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 10 Thick clouds, looked likely for rain. Accompanied by friend Ch Brown drove to Troy by way of Lansingburgh - found them paving the street in front of Arnold's store, found it necessary to drive over a part newly finished - a youngster threatened me sharply with fining - paid very little attention to him. C.Brown. Expedition to Troy & Albany. Saw the receipt of a part of my cheese - left the remainder to their honor being anxious to feed my horses in order to get away to Albany - agreed for a bill of it next day. After stabling horses at Maxons - with Brown, it being then past 8 in the evening, walked to Albany on foot - the moon gave much light although the clouds were thick & hazy - a bungling bugler kept the air full of coarse music stationed on the deck of a sloop as we supposed - arrived in the City between 10 & 11 - we tramped about a long time to find a place at which to lodge - and with considerable difficulty gained admittance at the same house mentioned May 20, p. 573 - the clock struck 12.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 11 Thin clouds till sometime past noon - came off pleapleas't tow'd evening - wind N. Early we visited Meachany

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Sept 1824 Military Store to purchase sd colors. They shewed a handsome stand, with the State of N. York printed where it should have been State of Vermont - the price being \$20., we said no more - marched to the steamboat dock from which we took our departure - they had made great progress with the bason. As we came past the mouth of the canal they were repairing or rebuilding the lock - travelled on the toe path till arrived at the bridge where the great road from Troy to Albany crosses it - from thence proceeded on the highway - took a peep at the Arsenal - saw some very large guns and great quantities of ball - at the lower ferry parted with low sort of companion who wished to pass for a man that knew almost everybody & every place of any note, when in fact he could hardly tell where he got bitters in the morning - said he was from Farmington, C't - aged about 37 - pretended to know many people in Berlin - among the rest the Brownson's - old Capt B. had died within few days. It was past 9 when we entered Troy - I got ready to leave town as soon as possible - Brown started for Utica in a canal boat - I rec'd a rec'pt at Arnold's for 1329 lbs cheese - Could get no plaster at D.Merritt & Sons nor did I obtain any at the mill at the upper crick - both father & son were sick - the fellow that was there app'd to know but little - while he was gone to get instruction I wheeled ar'd and took the road to Bennington - picked up a very decent man near Wheeler's from Sempronius going to New Fane, Vt., - gave me much informa







tion respecting my uncle Asa of that place, whose family were in usual health except his son John who it was expected would never recover from a dropsical complaint that had recently attacked him. This gent was ve very sociable used me handsomely - to.d me his name was John Chandler - he went to E.F. ~~Finn~~more's to lodge - I arrived here sometime past sunset.

MONDAY, SEPT. 12 or s ay Sunday the 12th. Cloudy abd warm. Uncle S Robinson with his lady with their youngest daughter H.W. came up to pay my mother a visit - they found her getting some better. B.Loomis B. Loomis & H.W. were here this eve'g.

MONDAY, SEPT 13 Very foggy & cloudy, some rainy A.M. P.M. grew mor more fair - very faint & warm. Until noon was chie chiefly employed in getting

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Sept. 1824 ready to go to Manchester to attend the Brigade training there. I provided waggon - B. Loomis & G. Potter furnished each a horse - J.Rog's formed one of our party and after due preparation we left town past 1 P.M. At Hill's, Arlington, found many Bennington characters. H.Waters & Mrs H. would have me eat a meal with them - after leaving this we were overtaken by Elijah More of Algiers who made much sport for him- self & others, running after fowls, pigs and everything of the kind as well as in singing some bawdy songs, saying queer things, &c. This young man & H. Rog's introduced the business of catching people by the arm or shoulder, or if that was not convenient to get very bear them & "Sound-em", which was done by raising the voice to a very high pitch like a person in distress, though not in quite so melancholy a tone - this became a favorite amusement among tall those disposed to be ~~heusy~~ noisy & scarcely a waggon passed but that took a sounding, not only on the road but at Capt Hawk's quarters which were chosen nearly a mile S. of the Court House where we arrived before dark. An elderly man named Barrett was our landlord - above 80 years of age - his son was about 39 - had a young rising family - good woman for his partner - milked till lately 30 cows - now had but 26. More kept us awake till past 12 at night, with all manner of stuff - in the chamber where we slept were be sides those with whom I rode Horace Dimmick, Capt Hawks, Isaac Gale, -----Chase, Anson Wood and somebody else that I do not recollect. With frien Dimmick slept on a buffalo sk'n.

TUESADAY, SEPT. 14 Foggy early in the day - then cleared up & became extrmely warm - with some flying cllds. Formed this morning with Capt J.Dewey's company at his quarters N. end of the Vil- lage - soon after Col Robinson formed his Regiment which was as full as usual, in the street & marched upward of 3 miles to the parade ground N. of Zion Church near the dwelling of W. Jameison - were joined by the other two Regiments commanded by Col's Roberts & Thatcher - the former on the right, the latter on the left. The plain was very fine but it was covered with innumerable

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hard heads, many of which were of a considerable size, somas to be dang erous for a horse to tread over faster than a common walk - here we per formed in the usual style - rec'd the Gen'l &c. Left the gr'd time enough to march to the court house where we were dismissed - everyone retired to his lodging - we for our part rested well - More, as well as others, being fatigued enough to rest well. I felt myself more run dow down than ever I was on such an occasion.







WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 15 Fair and most unusually warm - wd S.W. Formed again in the Village - reached the parade by about 9 A.M. but both the other reg's were there too soon for us - we took the left - Many things respecting the officers I do not mention for want of proper information - some unfair maneuvers were played off on our Col who himself and men outdid them in many important points - Had the best equipp'd reg't - best music, best officers, best artillery comp'y &c. In our music were J. Whittum, J. & B. Witherall, H. Waters & others. The whole Brigade made a good appearance - seemed to be quite military - but the unfairness of calling us so far out of our beat was universally execrated by every man of the 1st reg't as well as many disinterested individuals - every company so far as was practicable provided (themselves) itself amply in order to avoid buying of the inhabitants - the latter it was supposed were wofully disappointed - cooked up a great quantity of food which they never sold. In the course of the day, or rather while off parade, by permission, at noon or military noon heard excellent playing on the violin by two performers - liked it much, but had to leave it for the parade at the discharge of cannon. P.M. firing commenced in which we took part, but the time being too short had to leave the ground before the others had ceased. Every company, after receiving very handsome compliments from the Col., was dismissed to its commanding officer in the field, which relieved us of another long march. I made all haste to reach Mr Barret's from whence we started at 7 in the eve'g & arrived home by about half past 1 next morning. Many staid to celebrate in Manchester Village, firing cannon & hallooming all night to keep them awake

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Sept 1824 In our company let me mention being present - Libeus Barney - Jon Pratt - Hen. Allen - Isaac Hatheway - John Crawford - Moses C., Luther Pratt - &c. - the officers were Capt. J. Dewey, Lieut M.S. Norton - Ensign, D. Love - Serg'ts A. Harwood (orderly) S. Clark Jun - Officers C. Gillson & B. Taft - all the Corporals I do not recollect - perhaps I have misplaced some of the foregoing - I know A.B. Stacy, E.D. Waters & Hiram Blackmer

THURSDAY, SEPT. 16 Very warm, wd S.W. flying clds - Felt extremely the want of rest - retired to bed & slept two hours - Visit to Hoosick. P.M. assisted O.W.D. in getting in 1/2 ton rowen & a small l'd of clover Annis calculated for seed. Father & Lydia went to Hoosick Falls & returned Stone. with cousin Annis Stone late from Scipio, N.Y.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 17 Quite rainy A.M. P.M. cool, flying clds. Thresh- ed clover seed till noon. P.M. we cut up corn.

Cutting up corn. SATURDAY, SEPT. 18 Continued warm indeed - wind N. We finished cutting up corn - stocked most or say all of it, but O.W. Daniels, could not compleat binding it, because O.W. Daniels lost the A.M. to be out of the way of being called as a witness in a cause between Henry Pope &c. Card & Lemuel Pope on the part of the State and some boys on the mountain in the neighborhood of E. Carpenter. This evening Mr Z. Pierce offered me a loom for \$6.00 - promised to think of it. C. Brown arrived from Utica on Friday even'g - well but much worn down - Came from (Sk) Schenectady this morning - missed his way in such manner as to occasion him to travel mostly on foot, 49 miles.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 19 Pretty cool, fair, wind N. When I went to Manchester last or mislaid my razor so that it could not be found, therefore wore a long beard through the day. Pretty busy writ'g. R. Kent Rec'd 25" of Mr Kent for 2 gs brandy, which he sd ought to be pd for by fr'd Brown & if the latter should pay me I was to return cash back to K







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Sept. 1824 MONDAY, SEPT. 20 Very fine, tolerably warm, wind N. A.M. oiled & mended harness. Father bargained with C. Brown for a cow 4 yrs old last spring at \$14., engaged to pay more if she proved to be worth more. Mother rode abroad with Damia. Amanda Duncan waited upon her ~~Ann~~ aunt Annis in a chaise to their house. Charles B. accompanied me to town. Rec'd from Bisbee standing near Rouse's store \$10.00 in money towards calves & lambs. Paid to C. Brown towards work in hay-ing and harvest - \$3.40 at F. Blackmer's store. Father & O.W.D threshed oats, ending in wheat. Zenas Pierce offered good loom for \$6.00 which we partly bargained for - half payable in cid. brandy. On Sunday last Betsey Pope finished her term of service here - 13 weeks at 4/0 - tot. am't \$8.67# - remained due her as we then decided \$1. but it appeared afterwards that Parsons had mended shoes to the am't of 12", leaving due 88"

Middleboro TUESDAY, SEPT. 21 Pleasant - very warm - wind SW - Made preparation for a journey to Middleboro, Ms- was on the road nearly as far as Capt Norton's when I discovered my forward axletree parted asunder where the left bolt pierced it. Capt N. first came to me in my trouble, informed that John Jr was in the shop, presumed he would assist me - went to him and was assisted accordingly in very neighborly style - went to Jo Norton's with my wreck - they were so driven with business that they could not mend it - must go up to Mart's - on my attempting to turn in order to go there the axletree, which was barely supported by the band which goes around the stock at the end, parted and down she fell - so they could do no less than repair it for me. They accomplished the business after 4 or 5 hours waiting. Burrill Greene was getting wagg. work done in order to remove his brother-in-law Warren Pierce to the S.W. toward Pennsylvania. Returned to Norton's, put on board all my stuff, proceeded to Mrs Brown's at the old Matteson house S. of R. Carpenter's - had my horses stabled at the latter place - visited the old Staunton house - saw Wm Mr Gleason Campbell making - my business was with Mr Gleason who agreed to pay for me \$1.27 in full for 15-1/4 lbs pork to Sam Loomis

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Sept. 1824 See May 20 1823 - and July 26 1824. Charles, poor man, who in consequence of my misfortune had run up & down to & fro this day - arrived & assisted in loading a part of the household stuff this eve'g. I was very comfortably lodged at Mr Carpenter's - Old Mrs Niles was there - Loom. The loom was bo't & taken possession of this day, as talked of.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 22 The sun arose fair & warm - but soon it clouded over - a smart shower succeeded - the weather immediately grew cool - kept growing more so through the day - flying clouds at night. We started from the old mansion this morning without its being fairly decided what course should be taken, whether to drive to the E. or W., but the rain coming on Mrs B. was for going the latter way in order to get on board of a boat - dreading bad weather wofully - turned N. and came home where we waited till the rain was over - dined, took the road to Troy and drove to Geo. Snyder's 11 miles this side T. There we put up for the night - Mr S. entertained considerable company among others were people bound to Wardsboro, Vt., from Bainbridge, N.Y. and an elderly man named Kimball who belonged to the former place - being on his return from a lengthy visit among his relatives at the W. Had visited the N.E. corner town of Ohio.



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THURSDAY, SEPT. 23 Flying clds - hard wind, blew cold from W. Left Snyder's so as to reach Troy by about 10 in the morning - from this time I was pretty busy in procuring a boat for my friend's passage to Utica - they waited at the new tavern N. of the Side Cut and while I was absent on the Troy side of the river a good chance offered which they eagerly embraced - had just unloaded as I came up - the waggon stood in very narrow place - I thought of extricating myself by driving over the bridge at out-let of the side cut - but finding myself at the opposite end the difficulty was much greater but being assisted by young Lewis Brown & another boy - stranger - soon got

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Sept. of the trap - left Mrs B. with her youngest son & daughter (Lucinda) safely embarked on board of a good Merchant Line boat which would land them at Utica within about 24 hours. Returned by the Lower Ferry to the City - took on load of plaster - 12 cwt - 16 b at D. Merritt & Sons for which p'd \$4.56". Bo't of Jos Gary leather to the am't of \$5.38" towards which paid 57" together with an old acc't of \$4.43" taken up May 20th 1824; the remainder of what I now bo't - \$4.81" - was charged on book - payable sometime the present fall. 10-1/2 lbs soal leather at 25" - side upper 22/0 Procured a set of awls from J. Hand for J. Rog. - left town so as to get to Snyder's by a little after dark. Here they were pretty noisy having returned from a Regimental training 5 miles N.W. on the Salem Turnpike.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 24 Frosty this morning, very cool all day. At Snyder saw an old man calling himself Jo Doty - 55 yrs old - related that he was taken in Queenstown battle - how he suffered in his passage from Quebec to Boston - in a manner worthy of that people who could coldly starve eleven hundred whigs to death on board the Jersey Prison ship off the W. end of Long Island during our War of Independence - Good waggoning - my horses landed me safely here about half past one P.M. - Remainder of the day assisted at digging potatoes.

C. Brown. C. Brown with us.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 25 Cold, frosty, cool & fair, all day, wd N. Worked 8 bhls rye with father in the morn'g preparing 8 bhls rye for the mill, which he carried to Dewey's - Hiram Hopkins accomp'd him - Sug. of P.M. he went to the fulling mill at S. Hinsdill's - Dama rode to uncle S Robin'n Sam's - they rec'd pay 10 lbs sug for a bbl cider sold to Safford Robin C. Brown son 30th of last April. I joined Charles Brown & O.W.D. in digging potatoes - finished the field in the N. meadow - commenced that in the cash of S. mead. Dr Swift visited Mother just before noon & I paid in money Dr Swift to him \$6.50" borrowed of him Aug. 28. He mentioned something respecting our money affairs which put me to my trumps at first, nut was soon able to show him how it was.

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Sept 1824 SUNDAY, SEPT. 26 Frosty, chilly wind from N. all day - Took pleasure in perusing "Wirtes Life of McHenry - wrote as usual in Albany - towards the close of the day was pleased & considerably affected in reading the account of Lafayette's reception at Albany & Troy, Friday & Saturday, the 17th & 18th inst. Yesterday or I would mention that on Academy. Friday, P.M. Mr Adams' Academy Exhibition was attended at the meeting house. While I was absent at Manchester father compleated sowing ab't 10 acres of rye - the Tracy field heing the lot sown.







Potatoes. MONDAY, SEPT. 27 Frosty, rather chilly, wd N. hazy tow'd eve'g -rain  
ed a little at night. Finished digging potatoes in  
the S. meadow - yielded lightly - rather small, but mealy when cooked -  
R.Colvin. Reuben Colvin rec'd 5-1/2 gallons cid. brandy which over paid him tow-  
Brandy. ards lumber 18"cents - there was a droll kind of a man that accompanied  
C. here who endeavored to show much wit, but if I were to pass any judg  
Bisbee. ment upon him he showed something of a very different nature. Mr Bisbe  
came down this morning & talked of buying for some of his Woodford or  
Shirkshire customers our 2 yr old minister - using no deception - sell-  
ing him as such. C. Brown worked here.

Potatoes TUESDAY, SEPT 28 Cloudy, began raining about 4 P.M. from N.E. a con-  
siderable quantity fell in the night - compleated  
digging potatoes with the exception of a few in the garden - making in  
all about 200 bhls - There grew E. of J. Rog's 25 bhls lady fingers -  
of which carried 15 sorted into the cellar - afterwards got 2 bhls more  
same same kind from the garden. Our crop in the N. mead. was poor,  
altho' the land was well manured - those which grew in the cornfield  
C.Brown (40 bhls) were large & fine - Charles Brown worked again with us.  
Adeline Harwood aged 8 years this day.

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Sept. 1824 WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 29 Rainy A.M. P.M. tolerably fair. The flax was  
turned - some tinkering done about the stove pipe  
Stove where it enters the chimney - the stove was set up in the kitchen on  
set up. the morning of the 27th. Thrashing was carried on some part of the day  
Father visited at Capt N's - Mr Kent & myself rode abroad in the big  
wagg. - rec'd from C.Bisbee tow'd debt \$4. H.Wallace was assisting  
him in dressing a beef creature - saw Uncle S. as well as Safford Rob-  
inson - Col Merrill, D.Robinson &c. - the last sat in the printing of-  
fice. Bo't at Dr Swift's on cr 23" worth castor oil. Proceeded with  
N.F. neighbor K. to N.F.Champney's a few rods N. of the old Sam Green House,  
Champney now the residence of Hen. H. Robinson - C.Showed me a very bad foot  
which had been wounded by treading upon the point of a rusty board nail  
being very heedless about it, mowing, in the water &c. - the wound  
healed outwardly, but inflamed at the bottom - the result was, great  
pain & a near approach of death - he at this time could hobble about -  
considered himself out of immediate danger, but could do but little -  
they lived in a new house lately built by Dr H.Swift - had a rising fam-  
ily of 8 children - the youngest but a few weeks old. Mr K. procured a  
sheep tow'd his work on the new house which he called worth \$2.00 -  
A.Downs Alanson Downs came there & got a load of lumber by permission of Dr  
Heman - blamed Champney for using his influence with the Dr against his  
having boards from the interior of the old house - C. denied the charge  
said Dr Heman owned the property & could do as he liked with it inde-  
pendent of him. Mr K. & I came by way of the new bridge over the Roar-  
ing Branch to Algiers - found it extremely stony & rough - too bad to  
think of drawing such immense loads of ore as have passed over it the  
present season - From Montgomery rec'd 4 cheese casks - agreed to pay  
Montgom- what was due on the contract (10/0) when I should receive pay for my  
ery. cheese gone to N.York At Capt Safford's let Mr K.steer for home with  
Cheese to the wgg, getting a frist at B's in the bargain, while I staid to leave  
Mrs 2 cheeses there due tow'd side saddle - 26 lbs 06 oz - 22 lbs 10 oz  
Safford. total 49 lb at 6"







Sept. 1824 Mrs (L.) Robinson the sister of Capt S. & her daughter Mrs Sarah Haswel & Mrs Richmond were there on a visit - accepted an invitation to eat water-melon. From Algiers rode with Edmund Robinson son of Stephen R. to F. Blackmer's - he said he should in Nov. be 16 years of age - had pretty span of young Sir Solomons which he drove Robinson fashion. Bo't 1 lb rice & came home. J. Rog's had a bbl of cider from Mr Bates'. We found great news from Spain in the Gazette - dated in August I think - the revolutionists were rising.

Flock. THURSDAY, SEPT. 30 Pretty fair, flying clds, wd N. The flock was bro't up - marked with red - 3 quarter blooded merino buck introduced among them & 3 lambs & a yearling vedder sold to Bisbee for which he was to pay according to what they would weigh - Mr Bliss & C. Brown. Mr Ayres were present - the former cut & sawed wood for J. Rog. - C. Brown went to mending shoes for him. Cousin Eleazer Harwood, his lady & Mr Harwood cousins. Penfield, brother of Mrs H'd., his lady & little girl named Harriet about the size of Adeline on their return from visiting in Fairfield, Ct., called upon us - they were in good style - pleasing companions, Mrs Waters welcome visitors. Lydia, cousin Annis & Damia quilted for Mrs Waters this P.M. I was under gr't preparation for Troy.

Oct. FRIDAY, OCT. 1st Fine & cool - wd N. After enduring considerable anxiety for the arrival of my horses from pasture Expedition to Troy fot started for Troy sometime after sunrise, left our cousins leaving hard tow'd the N. On the road near the foot of the John Potter hill or somewhere in that neighborhood a man asked to ride - I wanted to know what he'd give to be carried to Troy - he replied that he had but just recovered from a long fit of sickness, was poor & under the necessity of travelling in order to visit his aged father who he had lately been informed lay at the point of death - he recited many more particulars which I shall not attempt to enumerate - bade him ride & he did so - in Troy he offered to pay me in duds but I did not require it - thanked me - said his name was Swan

hatter by occupation - In the course of his ride he told me that he originally came from Colchester, Conn., where Waite Church formerly lived & learned his trade of the same man of whom Mather the gentleman with whom he served his apprenticeship in Williamstown - this last he said took the Meeting House there to finish off inside & broke down - resided in Pownal, being the husband of one of his sisters - had become a poor sot - Had a brother living near John Wright's, Pow'l - Four mile this side Troy had a linch pin fixed - there I first baited - arrived in the City between 3 & 4 P.M. - received & paid for 13 lb 3 oz 13 hund 3 9 lbs plaster - D. Merritt & - \$5.19" - Stabled my horses on my own hay at Stearns' near the store of D.M. & S. saw everything fairly disposed of and marched for the S. end - found J. Hand in Ferry Street with three other snobs of whom Mr Blackall was one. I proposed going to the U.S. arsenal - Joseph could hardly be persuaded to leave his seat, so intent was he on his little gains - at last he got ready but when we (got to) reached the Ferry, the boat being not quite ready, the day being so near the end we relinquished the jaunt & returned to the shop. Joined my friends at supper - returned to the inn - gave my horses water - again paced S. - called at Lamport's - enquired what he gave for cheese - said from three and a half to five dollars - at Dr Lyman's bo't a wooden tap & faucet for 12-1/2" - they showed me very nice ones made of block tin. At the shop of my friend was much entertained with talking along with a Canadian - native of Quebec, of which & many other places he could give a good description - Between 10 & 11 went to bed with friend Joseph. Highest price for flax seed 87-1/2". Saw immense piles of boards & other lumber.







SATURDAY, OCT. 2 Fine weather, continued warm P.M. w'd N. Warly I was on my feet - Joseph would buy a few peaches for me. AT Stearns' saw Mr Wickwire & others with their teams - A gent of the City related as I understood the affair that an infant child was this morning was found at a gentleman's door - who after many hearty

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Oct. 1824 thunmps was awakened - came forth & in the presence of several persons whom curiosity had drawn to the scene, took the little stranger in his arms and carried into his house without saying a word. Considerable enquiry prevailed for oats - one man agreed to pay me 25" pr bhl if I would bring them there by Tuesday eve'g. Engaged to do it. Had a pleasant drive to Mr Wadsworth's where saw & conversed with a farmer from Adams, Ms., who was on his return from Troy, having in company with another y'g man carried down 17 or 1800 w't of cheese which he had put into some gent'mans hands to convey to N. York to sell - was acquainted with O. Cheeseboro - called him a fair man in his dealings - presumed he could render a fair account of his proceedings with regard to our chees which he carried to N. York last Fall. I was not fully satisfied as to the Casks - for which he charged me 31" a piece - he stated it as a general rule that the casks sold together with the cheese at 25" - supposed C. had sold them - at any rate if I could see Mr C. I might obtain the desired information. They rather insinuated that the old gentleman was rather too close to be confined to the bounds of honesty. At Hoosick Corner's overtook one of Abner Noble's sons who in 1823 built built wall in Hoosick - was now returning from St Armand's, Lower Canada, where he had worked by the month for a farmer - rode with me to Deacon Dimmick's where I left him. Arrived here in fine season - N. Duncan assisted some about putting corn that father, O.W.D. & Nelson Duncan O.W.D. had gathered. They bo't of Mr Ripley 2 bhl i/2 baskets - pd in pork, N. Ripley brandy, cheese & 18" cash. Died on Friday morning last her son's S.E. Mrs Palmer, death part of Bennington, Mrs Hannah Palmer aged 84 years.

SUNDAY, OCT. 3 Fine day, wind N. Got out oata to sun. Sam & Nelson Duncan & Sylvanus Daniels visited here. Dan'l Duncan boys. Towards eve'g Capt E. Waters & pady paid their respects to us. At Capt Waternight L. Norton

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Norman Judd. came down with his cousin Norman Judd, formerly an apprentice to the potter's business at Capt Norton's, where he came to him in the fall of 1796 - It was nearly twenty years since I had seen him, was highly entertained with the visit - we talked very lively - recalled many occurrences of former days, which I have not time to set down even if I tried or had ability to put them in suitable shape dress. An hour or two having been most delightfully spent in this way he took leave of us to return to Capt N's where were his wife and daughter who came down with him from Rome N.Y. - had resided there 13 years - was in his 43d year.

MONDAY, OCT. 4 G't dew - looked much like rain - cldy - rained a very little towards eve'g. Charles Brown & O.W. Daniels threshed 436 sheaves oats which yielded 22-1/2 bbls. Spent Oats. the former part of the day at different kins of employment. P.M. did Cash pd business in town. Paid Dr Swift \$1.50" cash tow'd borrowed money. Dr Swift. Rec'd from Darius Clark in advance for butter \$2.00 in money. Fassett D. Clark thought he would have 100 lbs cheese this year - agreed to fill 2 bbls H H Fassett with cider for 2 new ones. At Col Norton's got a hinge hook made, but sett came away without it through forgetfullness - saw old Mr Loomis there Col. Norton







S.H.Black-Mrs Hall supposed they should wabt 100 w't cheese - S.H.Blackmer mer. agreed to take 1/2 do more - all at 6" pr lb - Jacob Brooks picked up J.Brooks my store book which I accidentally lost on the road & gave it me again Busy in the evening fixing for Troy.

TUESDAY, OCT. 5 Many sign of rain in the morn'g - but turned out to be a very good day - wind S. Started off about sun rise - arrived at Snyder's about noon - baited - arrived in Troy before 3 - Met Mr Patterson who shewed me where to carry my oats - sold 2 bags full to one man that would buy no more because they were colored & smelled badly - received from him as I supposed 12/0 York, but it fell short 0/6 because an 18" piece passed with me for 25" - the remainder 16 bbls sold at McBurney's & rec'd in full \$4. - corner of 5th & Congress Streets - loaded with 13 hd 3 gro 7 lbs plaster - D.Merritt & Ss pd \$5.18" Carried to J. Hand some apples.

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Oct. 1824 Walked to Hull's on the hill - presented the remainder of my apples & some old brandy to H.Debar - the former were consigned to the will of the ladies - the latter was reserved for a bitter next m'g. H.D.tried his fiddle, but it would yield no good music for want of treble. Snugly retired to rest & slept well with my friend Henry. Four miles Troy this side of Troy a man named Hudson Chapman, gr'd son of the late Capt Hudson, Troy, informed me while riding in my waggon that he had embarked a little capital of between 2000 & 3000 dollars in digging the canal back of the U.S. arsenal & lost the whole - was determined to act the part of an honest man - meant to pay all his debts, which would just about leave him even with the world - being but 24 years of age, family small, thought of rising again from penury - calculated to get in lock-tender, the ensuing winter - said he'd look for his money where he lost it.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 6 Rainy till past 10 o'clock - cloudy all day - wind SE - played the flute for young Stearns on a very good instrument this morning - suited pretty well. It was said that an infant child was this or some other morning, not long since, found at a gentleman's door, who on being raillied by the neighbors or persons happening there, came forth, took the little creature in his arms & carried it into the house without saying a word. Found it rather unpleasant travelling forepart of the day on acc't of rain - Bisbee. P.M. found good doings - met Mr Bisbee at Mr Wadsworth's - going to Troy with a female friend - rode in Hicks & chaise. Landed here in Plaster good season. Father & O.W.D. sowed considerably plaster in my absence.

THURSDAY, OCT. 7 Cloudy - high wind & some rain from N.W. We sowed plaster on the pasture next Capt Norton's farm - the load which I bro't yesterday was powdered on about 22 acres sown. The wind was quite too high P.M. - Sowed from the Champney lot west. C.Doo- Rode to town with J.Rog. in the eve'g - let C.Doolittle have 21#6 oz little. cheese which with what I had already rec'd paid him in full for his pap'r.

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Oct. 1824 Agreed to take the Gazette at \$1.75" the year ensuing - at this office.

FRIDAY, OCT. 8 Fine day indeed, but rather warmer than was comfortable. Set off early with 7 bbls 20 qts flax deed for Troy. - called at Snyders' at about 11 o'clock - arrived in Troy between 1 & 2 P.M. - called at Wm & J.Lamport's - they said they could not buy because they had no cash - went as far as Daters' by the Ship







Expedi-  
tion to  
Troy.

Yard - the Clerk came out, looked at the seed - called it dirty - offered 6/6 - I refused that & made off - he then came up to 6/8 - I went on, still, rather against my own judgment till arrived against Bradley's where a man came forth, examined my stuff, complained of it on account of the dust - said he'd give me 6/6 after my deducting there from the 4 quarts - to which I agreed - the seed was hauled up and emptied without ceremony for which he paid me \$6.09". Rode off to Hall's brick yard - they were very highly engaged in burning the last kiln - talked with Henry some - left my horses eating hay - returned to the City - crossed the River at the Lower Ferry & visited the U.S. arsenal where I saw a great many ammunition waggons, travelling forges, cart & gun carriages - saw many pieces of ordnance lying in the yard dismantled - a few iron pieces of different sizes were mounted - a number of the former were taken at Saratoga, Stoney Point & at York Town - Having viewed the works hereabouts sufficiently & learned from a young cooper busy working for Uncle Sam - that quite a quantity of military affairs had been sent up from N. York where they had lately sold out the U.S. buildings there to the Corporation. Recrossed the river, bro't down my horses & wagg - loaded up 13..3 grs oo plaster, drove up & stabled my team at Stearns' - Walked down street - met H. Debar - went back to the inn & assisted in placing some things in my wagg.

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Began again to March S. - called at Arnold's to see if my money had arrived from N. York for cheese - was informed that it had, but could not pay it over this evening - must call in the morning - With Henry visite various parts - played the flute in an underground boarding house - went to friend Jo. Hands shop - and finally slept with him - Paid D. Mer. & Son \$5.14" for plaster Friday eve,

Cash recd  
for  
Cheese

SATURDAY, OCT. 9 Early this morning there was a dash of rain - the subsequent part of the day was pretty fair, but very warm - the flies plagued the horses monstrously. Took good care of my horses and returned by particular request and took breakfast with my friend at his quarters. On my way to the upper end bo't a set of tin measures for 9/0 Y'k & including a small tunnel paid to Mr Howard in full \$1.25" At O. & A. Arnolds' received pay for 1296 lbs cheese, casks at 2/0 inclusive, \$67.03" - his bill was made out 2" higher, but he could make it no nearer and with that I was highly satisfied - he in N. York sold it at \$5-1/2. Je-Hand pr hund - leaving me the sum above mentioned. With my pocket book thus lined left town after 9 in the morning - overtook D. Faxon, Z. K. Barney & his 4 & another man with boards from Troy for the Furnace Company's house - drove past them at a little hill this side the big Hoqueboom - halted to baid at Wadsworth's - they came up soon after. Saw here Mr Josh Monro of Shaftsbury - the richest man in that town - supposed to be worth \$60,000. - his appearance told a much less sum than that - Stopped at the 4 Corners - left there at 5 and arrived here past 7 P.M. - All in usual health. H.W. & B. Pope here - Returning from Troy on Wednesd'y the 6th near the summit of the hill just mentioned - met my fri'd Judd had not time to speak with him - J. Norton & Hummiston were in rear with loads of stone ware.

H.W.  
B. Pope.  
N. Judd.

Life of  
Henry.  
Dimmick  
& Brown

SUNDAY, OCT. 10 Very fine & fair - wind N. Read some in the Life of Henry - Girls went to meeting - mother rode abroad. Dimmick & Abr Brown visited here this evening - D. was pretty funny. I think Sam Scott & his lady rode up to our door in Hicks' chaise.







Oct. 1824 MONDAY, OCT. 11 Cloudy - signs of rain - the rain came a little toward evening - wind S.W. The corn, poor stuff, from the S. meadow, including J.Rog. was drawn up. Rey'n Carpenter too took home our 3 yr old colt to try him awhile with his. Our black ox being very badly wounded and lame in his in the right hind foot drove him in the yoke to Chandler's shop to be examined. They confined him in the shoeing frame and after a thorough examination in which Mr Brooks assisted they could find no sliver or stub in the wound - Turned my oxen toward home & shaped my course for the stores - halted at Hicks' to hear French and another young man play the violin accompanied by Goodrich's flute - they performed handsomely I think - The pieces which I shall notice were - Dew Dream, Fishers' & Dureault's. A Ball was attended here this eve. At Dr Swift's old store paid to Cash pd Sydney McEwen his clk the sum of thirty dollars towards store debt - D.Scott at F.Blackmer & Co's paid twelve dolls. on account to his brother Nor- S.Loomis. man. In the eve'g with my lady paid a visit to the S. part of the Gleason. town - left her at Fay's - went to S.Loomis' - Mr L. not at home. J.Rog. Paid the remainder of our school bill to our School Dame Miss C.L. 29 cents & 75 more towards pigs - leaving the other \$1.27" to be paid by Mr Gleason as agreed upon Tuesday the 21st of Sept. Also paid 46 cents school bill for J.Rogers in full - he furnishing the cash. Mrs Fay. Returned to Mr Fay's - made a partial settlement with his lady from which it appeared that she had wove enough to am't to ab't \$13.91" - & including \$7. which I paid her this evening our account came within 13" of balancing hers. Betsey Pope beint there at her spinning wheel paid her in full 88 cents for her summer's work. There was a strong S. wind this evening & it was extremely warm walking too - the moon gave a glimmering light through the broken clouds.

Oct. 1824 TUESDAY, OCT. 12 Had a shower of rain early this morning, chilling wind from N.W. & flyiig clouds succeeded through the day. Husking corn at the heap engrossed our chief attention. Mrs Crawford Made a settlement with Mrs P.Crawford whose acc't for spinning since about the 20th of March last amounted to \$9.50" - ours to \$5.58" - due her \$3.92". We resolved not to hire any more flax or tow spun another year. B.Squire Buckley Squire & P. Dewey came down to view the 3 yr old colt but they went away on being informed that he was at Carpenters'. P.Dewey. Rode with my lady to S. Hinsdill to leave a piece of cloth to be dressed for a loose coat which we were to receive it at the end of 3 weeks. On our way home called at Dr Swift's & bo't goods to the Mrs. am't of \$1.12" Paid 3/6 cash in full to Mrs M.L.Selden. Ought to Selden. notice bringing a piece of red flannel from Hinsdill's, measuring Charles 19-3/4 yds finished on our acc't at 1/0 pr y'd. Carley Grimes late a sailor on board the ship Franklin 74, came here on Friday last to visit his friends here & hereabouts.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 13 Very frosty this m'g - fine day wd S. Husked corn as above. Our ox became so lame that it was thought expedient to send for Dr Sam Robinson - I rode off on this errand - Dr Sam. Saw E. Montague near Dr S's store - informed me that the man I wanted Montague. to see was at work for Capt Safford - agreed to have a hhd of cid. the present year. Rode to Algiers - found uncle S. employed in blasting rocks for the purpose of getting room for a limekiln which the Capt intended to build - said he could not come to our house till eve'g. Mrs Safford pd At the house I paid Mrs Safford in full tow'd side saddle two dollars in full. & forty seven cents - making in all \$16.00 She thought there was talk between herself & mother about allowing from 16 to 18 dollars. I told her we had not understood it so - that we had paid the highest







price named for it & if it had been more we should not have agreed to their contract - she seemed to think she ought to have \$17. more & I dont think she'll ever get more for it from me.

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Oct. 1824 Paid to a gentleman at the shop of Mr Montgomery in full for cheese cas  
H. Dimmick casks one dollar & sixty seven cents cash. Saw Dimmick in Br's orchard  
& S.R. requested him to come & see the lame ox to which he agreed. Uncle S. &  
he lodged here this night.

THURSDAY, OCT. 14 Cloudy & chilly in the morning - flying clds - By di  
rection of Dr Sam. assisted by him & friend Dimmick  
Lame ox the lame ox was cast by means of ropes and the wound faithfully searched  
but no very satisfactory result grew out of it - they concluded it pro-  
ceeded from a hurt - poured in hot tar & tallow & released him - shortly  
after he grew better - was fit for service in a few days. Some corn was  
Capt Dim- bro't from the field & cribbed, wint. app's gathered &c. Capt Abel Dim-  
mick. micke left here on his son's account 1 bhl turnips. Horace this day rec'  
H.D. on credit 1 gallon cid. brabdy which with 2 quarts more that he had  
brandy. while gathering apples at Brown's 1 charged on book. Read Pat Henry at  
Pat Henry night.

FRIDAY, OCT. 15 Cold frosty - mg - good weather foll'd, w'd N. 5  
Empty casks empty hhd's & 1 pipe were taken from the cellar &  
filled with water. P.M. or about noon as we were employed husking at  
Bisbee's the heap in the field Mr Bisbee sent down young Selden requesting to  
pigs. know if we could butcher the fat pigs - we returned for answer that we  
would - & immediately set about it & in a short time they were elegantly  
J. Rogers. dressed - J. Rog. head butcher. The Martindale pig weighed lbs 116 -  
the Loomis pigs went in the same notch - 89 a piece - total exclusive of  
1 lb strap, lbs 287 at 5 cts pr lb. Mr Bisbee rec'd them in the eve'g  
Gov. Tich- pr Chester. Gov. Tichenor employed himself in hunting in the weeds W.  
enor. of us. I rode away this P.M. - carried ten measures to be sealed at  
Miss Nan- Dexter's. On the road to Algiers Miss Nancy Blake got into my waggon  
wy Blake. and rode as far as Mrs Stiles' when I halted to leave a sheet iron stove  
which I carried there for C. Brown - this young lady said she was 26 yrs  
of age - lived at gen. Robinson's - rec'd high wages & prompt pay - her-  
self & mother owned a little place near Deacon Dimmick's worth \$400.  
Mr Frapwell, formerly a weaver in Algiers, was her grandfather - had a  
brother & sis. younger than herself.

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Oct. 1824 Took with me both horses which were tackled to the great wag. the forwar  
Cha's axletree of which had been mended at Norton's by his brother Charles  
Norton. whose work was exchanged with A's in a neighborly way - this time it had  
Wag axle- given way in the centre - was well repaired - Saw Uncle Sam. there -  
tree. Got grist at the mill - fastened the small waggon to the gr't one & came  
Mrs A. on tow'd home. BO't at F. Blackmer's 1/2 lb tea at 47", booked (that is  
Waters. 92" for 1 lb) Mrs Anne Waters arrived here from Stockbridge - well.

SATURDAY, Oct. 16 Chilly hollow wind from N.W. expected rain. Half pa  
Miss A. Stone. past 8 started with Annis Stone for Troy - called at  
Dexter's to see about by tin measures - the gallons was right - the half  
Expedi- gall & quart were too small - took then with me in order to exchange for  
tion to more proper ones. Left cousin Annis at Mr Kenyon's, this side Snyder's  
Troy. or rather let me say beyond, there ~~was~~ a man aged past 45 rode with me  
to Alexander's at the junction of the Troy & Lansingburgh roads - treat-  
ed me at Hoffman's with a glass of cider. Arrived in T. in good season  
Met H. Debar, River St. Before I proceed let me notice bring'g down Tro  
Troy hill 4 or 5 little girls & boys - one of the former being the daugh







ter of John Gary - Leath'r Merchant. Henry went with my team to D.Merritt & Sons while I visited the tin-shop of Mr Howard - waited sometime to see him, but becoming impatient travelled near the river up to Merritt's store - found ground below covered with bbls of flour which they were unloading from a sloop at the dock - we took hold & assisted in hauling it into the store in order to make room for our waggon. - that we might load up plaster - this was soon effected - rec'd & p'd for 500 w't plaster \$1.87-1/2". Henry drove directly to Mr Hull and there stabled my horses I tarried in the City to attend to some business there - Mr Howards' people did what they could conveniently.

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to my measures & dismissed with me with a small present, half pint, for dis-  
appointment. Found the residence of Mr Ezra Moseley formerly of Hoosick  
Falls to deliver a letter from cousin Annis to his lady - she seemed  
much pleased at hearing from her old friend - gave me a letter to my  
cousin from her relatives in Scipio - she held considerable conversation  
with me about her folks and mine in Bennington - introduced me to a daug-  
ter of Mr Otis her brother-in-law who perhaps might be eighteen or twen-  
ty - Mr O. she said was somewhere in the City - Supped in this house -  
one or two boarders, of whom Mr M. told me she had 8 in all, said many  
discouraging things respecting the Canals & the Dam erected above Troy.  
Deposited my tin & 18 lbs seal leather with Mrs M. - bo't the latter at  
Jos. Gary's - for which paid in full \$4.50" - Left here before 7 - visi-  
ted W.S.Parker's book store - asked the price of Walker's large Diction-  
ary and was informed \$3. - Bo't at the sign of the Whale's Jaw-bone 2  
good shaker brooms at 2/6 Y'k - Wound up this days adventures by lodging  
with my friend at Mr Hull's where they entertained Mrs H's father & moth-  
er - named Reed - the old gent. said he was born in the year 1754 - next  
morning he related many incidents connected with the retreat from Ty -  
1777 in which he was an actor. He now resided in the N.E. part of  
Pawlet, Vt.

SUNDAY, OCT. 17 Chilly - cloudy - a slight cold rain fore part of th  
the day - Ragged fly'g clds from N.W. We had a  
good but late breakfast - left Mr H's with few or no compliments - I  
perhaps did wrong in that because I harbored no ill will on any account  
- they treated me as handsomely as I could wish to be - I mention the  
the thing to show that I am more sensible of good usage from others  
than they would imagine from what I might say. Past 9 ere left Troy -  
rode in the rain a few miles - not much difference from 12 arrived at  
Wadsworth's. Stoats from Greenbush came there - said he had lately  
swapped horses - no I mistake - had lately bo't one & paid in an old de-  
mand which he held against Capt E. Cross, Hoosick, the man of whom he  
received him - the horse was represented as being sound - but proved on  
trial to be quite the reverse - was going to see him & if he could do  
the thing that was about right it would be well - if not, then he would  
try the law. We travelled onward in good plight.

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H.W.  
C.Grimes  
F.Brown  
Cash from  
Debar.

At Mr Kenyon's left a letter which Mrs Moseley gave me for A.Stone from  
her friends in Scipio. Arrived here as the sun had nearly done shining  
upon the E.Mountain. H.W., J.Mart., Cha's Grimes, & Henry Brown were ou  
our guests. Rec'd from H. Debar in full \$2.00 for 38 lbs cheese which  
he sold for me to Mr Hull of Troy.

MONDAY, OCT. 18 Frosty morn'g - mild day - fly'g clouds - wd S.W.  
Our empl't was husking corn at the stack. Henry D.







Settle- & J.Rog. visited town together at night. Nenty Brown departed this m'g  
ment with for Berlin - Charles & I made a settlement at night - by paying him one  
C.Brown. dollar in money & reckoning in washing & board &c a part of which as the  
ladies refused receiving anything from him, I promised to pay at the  
Twenty store - reducing his demand for the cow from \$14. to \$8.92" Twenty dol  
dollars lars were received by me from H. Debar for which I agreed to give my ob-  
H.Debar. ligation dated on the same day on which I should pay the same to Dr N.  
Swift

TUESDAY, OCT. 19 High chill N.wind fly'g cl'ds. The cornfield adjoin  
ing the y'g orchard was cleared of everything val-  
Charles uable, including 2 l'ds of pumpkins. Charles Brown this morning employ-  
Brown. ed father with 2 horse wag. to convey him to the school house this side  
Brown's mill where he proposed teaching school through the season ensu-  
J.Rog's ing. Our young ladies visited at Capt Waters'. J.Rog's pleasantly en-  
joyed himself a part of the day in the woods with his fowling piece.  
Little The small stove was set up in the milk room. Corn on this farm the  
stove. present season was light - from 2-18 acres highly manured, reckoned we  
Corn this only harvested 40 bhls s'd - that which grew in the S. meadow being  
season. much injured by worms turned out so poorly that what we husked was not  
sorted - Nevertheless there were many fine fields of corn in this part  
of the country - we may add that the season was bad for the growth of  
thst kind of produce.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 20 High S. wind - thick clds - warm - rained at night.  
Singing Two & a half l'ds of app's were gathered in the  
school. young orchard. Rob't Crossett bro't us a subscription for singing school  
- we signed \$1. At night with J.Rog

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Oct. H.Debar & O.W.Daniels visited Dr Swift's new store - they were very  
1824 busy in packing away goods - the doct'r himself being present. Paid to  
Cash pd him Twenty Dollars in Troy Farmer's Bank Notes which I rec'd from H.  
Dr Swift Debar on the 18th inst - to apply on notes given March 17 1823. There  
Dr Swift. were several persons standing around in the store. Bo't of the Dr 6  
Ben. panes 6 by 8 glass - booked at 4" - left it near the E. end of the coun  
Greenslet ter - Tom Gabey & Ben Greenslit seated themselves there and the latter  
unluckily for me broke two of my panes - said but little - it was an  
Cash pd accident. We visited friend S. Blackmer to whom I paid toward acc't \$3  
Blackmer in a bill on Smithfield bank - Rhode Island which I rec'd from his brot  
er Norman on the 13th inst.- he now scrutinized it pretty closely

Young THURSDAY, OCT. 21 Cold and clear - wind N.W. We finished off picking  
Orchard. apples in the young orchard, from which we obtained  
only about 100 bhls - had very few for winter and other domestic con-  
Capt L. cerns. P.M. we worked in Clark's orch'd - gath'd 1 l'd - principally  
Sherw'd high sweetings. Capt L. Sherwood visited us to know if he done right i  
in delivering into the hands of cousin N. Robinson the young horse  
which his sons had broken for us last summer. Sold his cheese for  
\$5-1/2 pr cwt - contracted with the Lamports to sell a lot of hogs  
which he wanted- warranted to weigh on an average 300 lbs at \$5. per  
cwt. C.Brown visited here this night - had hard jaw ache.

FRIDAY, OCT. 22 Ray, chilly N. wind which raged pretty violently  
till the close of the day - was then calm - rained  
some at night - no hard frost - finished gath'g apples in C's orch'd  
Mrs Waters which produced 2-1/2 loads and then commenced clearing the orch'd below  
& Polly. J.Rog's - Old Mrs Watdrs & her daughter Polly were here on a visit -  
Dr Swifts were lively & in good spirits. Sally & Damia traded at Dr Swift's  
store - exchanged raw flannel for calico & plaid.







SATURDAY, OCT. 23 Mountains crowned with snow - cold - flying broken clds. Wind N.W. Nearly finished clearing J.Rog's orch'd. Mid P.M. rode in the 1 h.wag. with S. Harwood my spouse to Dr Swift's store where she completed trading for her plaid &c. At Rouse' had 5 cheeses weighed - altogether amounted to 112 lbs which I delivered to H.H.Fassett or as he was absent with his lady & children on a short tour in York State - to his sister Sarah. Got Hall's folks to agree to

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Oct. 1824 buy 100 lbs cheese. Bo't a tin cheese tryer of Mr Sanger for 6". Mr Reynolds Carpenter came here this evening and after a long consultation he bo't the Sir P.T. colt for \$47.50 - \$2.50 under our price - various considerations induced us to sell, but I presume by being a little more stubborn, the whole might have easily been obtained - the creature was amply worth our price, but was raw and untutored. Received from Mr C. 10 E.Warren bills of \$5. each - paid back \$2.50 of which \$2. had to borrow of H.Debar - I was this day thirty six years of age - too old to be so young in good calculation.

SUNDAY, OCT. 24 Cold & dry - wind I suppose from N. Wrote much - Father too sick to be at all comfortable, besides losing the chance of going to church. Read Gov'r Van Ness's speech which I liked well. Sometime since saw the death of Louis 18th of Mrs Waters France in the papers. Mrs W. & daughter after a pleas't litt visit left here for other places in town. H.W., B.Loomis & N.Norton visited us this eve'g

MONDAY, OCT. 25 Cold frosty morning - a good day followed. Apples N. of the house were gathered - T.C.Parsons assisted half a day. Visited the store of Dr Swift early this morning - Paid Notes recd to Dr Swift by the hands of his son \$50.00 - the Dr being absent took or taken receipts for that sum and what was paid on the 20th inst. Dr S. had been called in the night to Reyn. Carp's and hadn't got back. Marched Swifts. to Bisbee's - he wanted I should throw off something on the pig pork Bisbee's because he had not made out so well with it this year as he did last - pigs. I much disliked the proposition - did not agree to it - talked with him respecting one of our large hogs, the 2 yr old bull & a veal calf - wanted we should conclude to kill the former on this day - I would agree to it if it were sanctioned at home - left him and came down Judge Fay against Judge Fay's - the judge was out by his gate - unusually gay & smart - talked with me respecting the parentage of our new county judge Sylvester Danforth - which he made out to be high - talked about old E.

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Oct. 1824 Allen, Tho's Chittenden and other revolutionary worthies who are now no more - Found that Dr S. had returned - and as soon as he got back from gen Robinson's prepared & sent some stuff to that gent. for his sore leg - set himself immediately about my business - Both payments amounted to \$70.00 - with which took up a note of \$19.64 to Swift & Pickett Feby 25 1823 on which there was an endorsement of \$1.50 October 16 1823 .....\$19.90 the 2 notes given March 17 1823 being together with int ..... 17.82 Leaving a balance of \$32.28 to be taken endorsed on the \$64.07 note ..... 32.28 \$ 70.00

Sealed measures Called at Dexter's & rec'd my wine measures which he had sealed - charged 32 cents - in addition to which had charged for sealing steel yards & mending parasol - supposed we were not far from even - I had le







let him have 4 bhls apples - 67 cents in October last. Soon after my return from the street Mr Bisbee came down, but a bad star blighted all his prospects - father did not wish to kill his hog - Bisbee would not buy the calf at such price as we thought fair - the bull he did not want at any rate - and went off with a heavy heart. In the course of the P.M. Henry & Jonathan killed the calf which was fatted on the milk of the yellow cow - the quarters averaged 21-1/2 lbs a piece - sold I side to A. Norton toward blacksmithing - 19-3/4 fore quarter 22-3/4 hind, at 3" & 4". When in the evening I rode to Algiers with that woman to whom I was wedded in March 1815, the veal was carried to Norton & the skin to J. Ballard, weighing 11-1/2 lbs - \$1.15" Melissa Street was seen at Mr J. Norton's & engaged to cut & carve a plaid cloak. Uncle Jo. with his brother-in-law Love, son Charles & Wm Love appeared to be engaged about husking corn at the heap in the barn. We made short tarry - climbing the meeting house hill had a word or two with L. Dewey Esq'r ab't music. Halted at F. Blackmer's - while Sally traded on an order from J. Rog. to the amount of 10/0 - ran to Swift's with a billet which I forwarded to S. Scott for 6 lbs honey by a young man not known to me - Not long at B's - John Whiting went from there drunk - A.D. Robinson had fun with him

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1824 When arrived at home looked over affairs with our merchant's & as near as we Swift & could ascertain stood thus ; Dr Swift..... \$ 79.50  
 Blackmer Saw, this morning, Mrs W., at Dr S's B.H. .... 59.53  
 Mrs Waters A tin peddler tarried here this night Due S. .... \$ 19.97  
 Tin ped- said his tin was manufactured in F. Blackmer .. \$ 21.31  
 dler. Lansingburgh - B.H... 15.00  
 Cash To our weavers ere long must be paid, ab't \$4.00 Due F.B. \$ 6.31  
 affairs. O. W. Daniels ..... 12,35  
 J. Hinsdill for dressing cloth ..... 15.50 B. Harw'd 67.00  
 C. Brown, tow'd cow ..... 8.92 C. Bisb. 31.00  
 W. Haswell, say for postage ..... 3.00 Due H'd 36.00  
 \$ 43.77

Dairy

More of this at a more leisure day . While I think of it let me mention that when we began to sell cheese disposed of ab't 1569 lbs for the sum of \$81.46", mostly cash - up to this date. Made cheese till 17th inst and the total number, great & small was 127 - some being large double curds and made an average of near 25 lbs - so that might presume we made not far from 3000 w't - there remained on hand upward 1000 lbs or thereabouts - When our calves were all out of the way, which was not until sometime in August & even now we have but just disposed of one, our highest number was 17 including 2 young heifers & a farrow 3 yr old. Mrs Sally made every cheese except 2, one of which was manufactured by friend Rog. Aug 15 - the other by P. Barber while here on a visit.

TUESDAY, OCT. 26 Wind blew high and very chilly from the S. or S.W. rainy some part of the time - at night the wind suddenly changed to N.W. and we had a pretty soaking shower in a short time - We prepared the cider mill for action - Mr Kent chief doctor - he made 2 pail bails - assisted in rivetting on an old iron bail which I took from an ancient pail long since dismissed. Henry & Owen assisted Parsons about getting his apples - 30 bhls - A.M. P.M. got a load of wood for Mr Kent - dug his potatoes, partly broke a rave of the cast & came home.

Cider  
mill.  
Kent.

Parsons.  
Kent.

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Oct. 1824 Carried into the cellar this evening 20 cheeses which would weigh perhaps 22 lbs a piece - Selected & tried 5 for Hall which were well tasted & together weighed 109 lbs - set apart 3 more for S.H.Blackmer, Cheese. which I should pronounce very good - weighing up together 66 lbs - J. Roger's this morning sold to the pedlar his wooden clock - Oren bo't of him a vest pattern for \$1. - the money being borrowed in my name of O.W. Daniels. H. Debar - Charged the same to Mr Daniels.

WEDNESDAY OCT 27 Cloudy - wind N. - grass wet by the shower - mild for the season - The limbs of the gr't apple tree for the season - The limbs of the gr't apple tree Gr't Apple tree. grow'g a few feet S. of J.Rog's door were this day sawed off with 7 or 8 foot of the body - before these branches were taken off, we presumed from the ground to the highest twig it would have measured 54 feet - & it has stood there about that number of years. There were several reasons for doing this, it had begun to part the trunk asunder, if it had remained as it was, for a few years she must have split down to the ground - it was dangerous & very difficult climbing in the top to get off the apples & besides it darkened & shaded our friend Rog's house so much that in very cloudy weather was quite a damage to his business. Apples 1824 In like manner was served the sweet tree near the S.W. corner of his house - a few branches were sawed from the tree S. of that last mentioned. The great tree was tolerably fruitful - J.R. assisted at sawing limbs - rec'd a part of the wood for pay. We about finished gathering apples - supposed in all there were about 415 bbls. 4 P.M. Jon. & Henry rode to Algiers - the mare Nancy was very ill, but soon recovered as they informed me. Jon. went to mill & got bbls at More's. I went to Fassett court house hill on foot - found H.H.Fassett with his cousin J.T.Robinson picking very good corn from the hill in his own field - with him & others did business about cid. casks - he concluded to buy but one bbl of cid.  $\frac{3}{4}$  rec'd from F. in advance a good white oak bbl. Old Mr Clark Brandy cask from had bro't the brandy cask from Smith's, Arlington - got newspaper - Arlington joined Jon. & Hen. in going home - the latter bo't cloth & trimmings for a loose coat for \$10.88". J.M.B.Spencer worked at J.Tog's. Oatman gave us a call just at night - Dama traded with him.

Oct. 1824 THURSDAY, OCT. 28 Chilly, cloudy, snowed some round snow P.M. - became more warm as the day passed off. Henry with Cider O.W.D. ground 120 bbls apples & commenced pressing late P.M. - 5 bbls cider were emptied into the cellar. Abraham Brown visited here this evening - described wheel cider-mills in his country - praised his 2 yr A.Brown old colt greatly, valued him at \$20.

FRIDAY, OCT. 29 Freezing morning - high chilly wind, flying clds, N.W. We had business managed at the cider press much as usual - some poor corn was husked at the barn, a cistern full O.W.Daniels of pumice was ground &c. Looked over acc'ts with O.W.Daniels to whom J.Rog's there was due, be- the law debt rising of \$7.00 J.Rog. visited Pecks Cot. Factory at night.

SATURDAY, OCT. 30 High, cold N.W. wind - flying clds - froze water in the shade all day - Our boys made cider, gr'd ab' 120 bbls apples - hhd & pipe prepared by liming, smoking with brimstone &c. - the latter only was put into the cellar - and filled this P.M. Judge Fay sent down 2 lds of apples to be worked into cider. Neighbor Willard Green jr paid us a short visit - advised us another year to build a cider house, mill & press. Capt Fay paid his respects to about mid day. P.M. carried to S.H.Blackmer 66 lbs cheese, a part of which they did not choose to receive at first, having procured one







from another quarter, but at last consented, being assured it was very good, which I was bold to pronounce because we had tried it - to receive pay between this date & first Jan'y next - \$3.90" - Bo't some baize, 3/4 yd - 38" and 1 yd gingham - 20" - on book at F. Blackmer's - talked with Mr J. Martin a little while there - Delivered to D. Clark 2 pailsful butter which without deducting pails weighed the one 20-1/4 - the other 18 lbs. Engaged a small quantity of butter & a cheese to Mrs Merrill - their casks should soon be ready - Miss P. Thompson & her friend Mrs B. Sears - daughter of Col S. Robinson, paid a visit here in a chaise - the former said she had no demand against us - she settled with C. Thatcher. Melissa Street cut coat for Sally on the 29.

F. Black'r  
Butter  
sold  
D. Clark  
Merrill.  
Miss P.  
Thomp'n  
Mrs B.  
Sears.

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Oct. 1824 SUNDAY, OCT. 31 Dry, cldy, very still - hazy. Snowed at night. H.W. & J. Mart. were here most of the day. Chas Stone came down from John Hick's to visit J. Rog's folks - Lydia & Dama took a walk in the lots - I was very busy writing - Forgot to mention on Saturday seeing Mr Bisbee, explaining away some bad impressions which had been stamped on his mind when here last - agreed at an early date to settle acc'ts in full - all in good humor - Bo't & paid for sk'h sewing silk at Dr Swift's pr H.D.

H.W. & J  
Martin'e  
C. Stone.  
Bisbee.

Snow. MONDAY, NOV. 1st Ground slightly covered with snow, thick clouds & J. Rog. chill - wd N. A quantity of poor corn in the barn H. Debar was husked - J.R. & H. Debar fired many shots from a rifle at a cat, Mr Kent. distant 27 rods, but without effect. Mr Kent fitted in a piece of wood Cider against the upper neck of the short nut, in a place where the timber mill repaired. in which it had run had grown rotten - for this job he rec'd pay in old bits of rails &c., good for fuel. H. Debar in our service transport Ruttenbur ed a hhd of cider containing 122 gs to David Ruttenbur. Returned with empty casks from Montague & Norton - by said conveyance sent bbl of cider to H.H. Fassett for which rec'd pay in advance on Saturday.

S. Searles  
Young H.R.

Sol Searls paid his respects to us about sunset - also friend Parsons in the evening. Young Henry Robinson likewise to get shoes made at J. Rog's.

TUESDAY, Nov. 2 Dark, cloudy, chilly & rainy especially at night Cider for approached, evening not very dark on account of Col Fay. having a new moon, but the storm continued, changed to snow. Henry & & T.C. O.W.D. made cider for Judge Fay and friend Parsons - former 89, the Parsons. latter 27 bbls apples. Mr Bliss came to engage us to grind up his Mr Bliss. app's for cid. - but on account of certain circumstances declined to do more than to transport them here from the present. I carted 3 bbl Col Norton cider to Col. Norton's - had Mr B's good company on the road as far as his house. At the Col's Reuben Wickwire assisted in taking the bbls Col. out of the cart - for these we would charge accord'g to agreement - Merrill charge \$1. pr bbl. Sold to Merrill on cr't 7 lbs butter & 17 of cheese Cash pr - took out of his cellar an empty hhd & 3 bbls - to be hooped, soaked D. Clark. & rinsed which bro't with me home - spent some time at the bookstore - rec'd cash \$1. from Darius Clark tow'd butter - see Oct. 4 - Of J.M.B. rec'd 0/9 took old affair in full

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Nov. 1824 WEDNESDAY, NOV. 3 Extremely cold & freezing with a thin scurrying of snow on the surface. Dull day for business, nothing Cold. could be done at the cider press it was so cold. H. Debar enjoyed as H. Debar. much of the time as he could conveniently with his music & then rode to Sherw'd Sherwood's leading home their brown 2 yr old colt. Returned with 5 lbs colt. homey from Sam Scott's bo't on our acc't.







Goods at O.W.D. tow'd the latter part of the day drew 2 lds Bliss' app's -  
 Dr Swifts Father & myself past noon rode to town together - bo't a number small  
 articles, including 1/4 lb H.S. 23" & 1 lb black tea 44, amounting in  
 the whole not far above \$1.91" Wanted to settle acc'ts with friend Bi  
 Settl'mt Bisbee, but he was absent on a short tour to Mass. Made a short &  
 with D. very satisfactory settlement with Darius Clark - the account had run  
 Clark. from May 12th 1820 . D.C. ....58.68

H.H. ....58.44

Paid in full ..... 24

Found him some careless in his books - had credited him some articles  
 which he had omitted to charge. I redollect M. L. Selden, C. Doolittle,  
 Ira Hawks & a part of the time D. Robinson Jun were present - a good man  
 Gazeteer many passed though the room during the transaction - Hawks' bought  
 Vermont. boards - Saw a few sheets of the Vermont Gazeteer - Rec'd in full from  
 H.H. Fass- Henry H. Fassett for 112 lbs cheese, \$6.72". We returned in haste to  
 et pd for take care of cattle &c. H.W. & J. Mart. toasted their shins with us  
 cheese. this evening. About ready to raise the great ore house at the furnace.  
 Note to H. Debar rec'd my note for twenty dollars due at the expiration of 18  
 H. Debar, months.

Cold. THURSDAY, NOV. 4 The keenness of winter was the character of the  
 past night - the brook below J. Rog's was frozen  
 over as much as it does many times in Jan'y - apples were frozen very  
 hard & so of other things - but it was much more mild this morning and  
 through the day than on the 3rd - cldy & calm.

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Nov. The cider was managed as well as the climate would admit of, although  
 1824 very hard frozen - a few oats were threshed out &c. I rode to Algiers,  
 could get no blacksmithing, except rivetting a shovel handle nor any  
 A Norton kind of mechanical business done here - A. Norton was framing his new  
 J. Murphy shop - Got grist for J. Rog. at the mill & J. Murphy's cider bbl  
 J. Ballard Dined at Ballard's - settled acc'ts there - took up a note of \$12. -  
 Paid for the tanning of a calf skin carried there I believe in Aug.  
 1823. Bro't him in debt, calling that 75", \$1.21", but he said as it  
 was a very nice one the tanning ought to be \$1. which left due me 96",  
 however, he paid me a dollar, and that ended it. Tried at Col Nor-  
 ton's to get my mare shod but they could not attend to it - came home -  
 staid a short time - assisted in winnowing oats - then rode in 1 h. weg.  
 Hinsdill to Hinsdill's Factory - viewed the great looms - talked with J. Crossett  
 & Wm Love - our cloth not done - bro't home some yarn colored black -  
 which they discovered here was not the bunch carried thither - called i  
 it a mistake. According to the best estimate Mr H. & I could make we  
 should owe him for carding & dressing &c not far from \$15.00 On my  
 return a little errand occasioned my calling at D. Swift's store.  
 O W Daniel H. Debar & O. W. Daniels were there, the latter rec'd goods on my acc't to  
 am't of ab't \$3.35. Major L. Norton came in before I came away. Par-  
 sons came up & settled with me this eve'g - Ought to mention seeing on  
 a wagg. l'd of bricks going from Shaftsbury to the Furnace, my friend A  
 A. Denio Denio, well, time out Dec'r 12. Mr E. Carpenter returned the creature  
 E. Carpen- which his boys drove to his house, June 10.  
 ter.

FRIDAY, NOV. 5 Great roaring in the E., some rainy, pretty chilly.  
 Apples all Much wind & late P.M. & early in the eve'g. Our  
 ground. apples were all that remained on hand ground & put to pressing, about  
 140 bbls. Casks for Col Merrill were put in order - some wheat thresh-  
 ed &c. Mrs Duncan went to see her son Harry at E. Montague's - he had  
 Mrs been badly bruised falling out of a wagg.  
 Duncan.  
 Wheat.







Nov. Judge Fay's man came & carried off the remainder of their cider of which  
1824 we supposed there must be ab't 8 bbls. Judge F. no better.

SATURDAY, NOV. — Frequent dashes of rain & snow thro the day - very  
Cider, chilly wet & unpleas't - concluded it must origi-  
Wheat & c nate from N.E. Various kinds of business employed us this day - cider  
Wagg. axlepressing, threshing, about 3 bbls wheat, digging garden sauce, leather-  
tree ing waggon, axletrees &c. H. Debar transported a hhd (121 gs) and 2 bbl  
leathered to Col Merrill's - assisted in getting hhd & bbl into the cellar - took  
Merrill. up the little bay mare to be shod at Col Norton's. Eve'g another bbl  
cider - making more than 6-1/2 was conveyed to Col Merrill's - Henry  
J. Murphy went to mill to carry wheat & a bbl of cider to J. Murphy. I delivered  
D. Rob. Jr to D. Robinson Jun'r 20-1/4 lbs butter - went to Bisbee's - had not ar-  
Bisbee. rived from his visit in Mass. - his folks were anxious for his return.  
Dr Swift Parsons who was then making shoes there, came with me to Dr Swift's -  
here I bo't on cr't 1-1/2 doz pearl buttons, 9" and some stuff for cur-  
Borrowed ing my sore hands, 12" & borrowed \$10.00 in money. One of the Hoosick  
cash. Hollenbeck's was over there - no friend of D.W. Clinton. P. & I rode  
H. Waters with Debar home - H. Waters came with us from Dr S's old office - bro't  
sashes. down two new 12 lighted sashes which he filled with glass, we finding  
Levi Downsall materials. Rec'd from H. Dimmick pr Levi Downs 4-1/4 bbls turnips,  
turnips. told me to give him credit for the 4 bbls only - the remainder he would  
Dimmick drink out. He & his friend Downs were here in good spirits toward eve-  
ning - bo't 1 gal. brandy. The turnips at 24x 25" - brandy at 50".

SUNDAY, NOV. 7 Not very cold - some snow on the gr'd this m'g. -  
Gilpin. flying clds, wind N.W. Read a few lines of Gilpin -  
some in the last end of Scott's Lessons - however I was much occupied  
with my interest in my intended departure on the morrow. Father went  
Judge Fay to meeting - went to see his friend Judge Fay, but found him no better  
- appeared to know him.

Nov. Near night, B. Loomis, H.W. & N.H. Norton ourselves & boys started from  
1824 the press with a cart-load of pumice & hauled it a short distance. No.  
Boys. Friend Parsons paid us a visit this evening and talked with us respect-  
Parsons. ing our ride to the S.W. J. Martindale tarried with us in friendly  
H.W. & J. style most of the day. Charles Brown also came to visit us, but could  
Martin'e no how be persuaded to dine with us. S.H. Brown we were informed came  
C. Brown. to town a short time since. We were likewise told that Miss S. Sherwood  
S.H. Brown. eldest daughter of Capt L.S. had quite lately been married to a Mr Sweet  
Miss S. of Hoosick. Levi Downs this morning, being here to get friend Horace's  
Sherwood half bush'l which they left through mistake on Saturday - had 1 qt cid.  
married. brandy on his brother-in-law Dimmick's account - pr verbal order.  
L. Downs.

MONDAY, NOV. 8 Pretty chilly, black & cloudy A.M. P.M. vlds broke away  
& became tolerably fair toward evening. We started for  
Greenville N.Y. about sunrise. Found much bad travelling this side  
Wadsworth's where we arrived half past 11. It was our happiness here t  
to find the elder French with his violin on which he play'd some excel-  
lent pieces accompanied by another young musician of the same corps.  
Isaac Gale called while we were there - going to Troy with lumb'r.  
Half past 1 put forward again - found better travelling but it was by  
no means pleas't - being in many places very muddy - this side Raymond-  
town 10 miles this side Troy met W. Haswell who advised us to go Pansing  
burg way - so we did - viewed sloop lock & the great dam which app'd to  
be in fine order - saw a canal boat enter it - could not stay to see it  
pass through - above the Locke we saw them towing a lighter with a long







rope which was made fast to the upper part of the mast from which it passed on shore - two horses being fastened at the end drew it along. We passed the river at the Upper Ferry just before dark. Previous to crossing paid up my account at J. Gary's \$4.81 to Mr Coon his clerk. For awhile it was dark and unpleasant riding - the moon at last arose and dispelled a part of the gloom.

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Ahead of us was a 2 horse wagon on board of which there were 3 or 4 persons that now and then were obliged to halt to pick up something that tumbled off - we passed them more than once on such occasions - and they as often drove by us - they app'd to be laden with trunks, band boxes &c. At the half way house saw two 4 horse stages - heads to the N. About 7 put up at Crosby's Hotel, Pearl's Street, Albany. We walked down to S. Market St - looked at boy's hats at Mr Knower's - found (not) none that exactly suited - left & came up another street - called at a little grocery & had a pint of beer - the man was a bachelor of 38 - formerly from Bridgeport, C't. - was acquainted with a few persons with whom my partner had also been acquainted, which made our short stay quite agreeable. Again we found ourselves at the hotel. In the long dining room was music and dancing - of course I bolted in - it was only such little doings as we sometimes have when a fiddler accidentally comes along - the performance appeared to be a lame Paddy to to took up the business to support himself in that way. This music, though less polished & regular than some, pleased me well. Made a short excursion to the Capitol - which I did not enter - returned by the building occupied by the Gr'd Caravan and Meacham's store where I bo't for H. Debar 2 rolls treble for 25", first rate, said to be. Paddy's music again attracted my attention - their little dance ended about 9 & we retired.

TUESDAY, NOV. 9 Not long after sunrise it came on to be stormy - rained & froze on - continued raining till past 1 P.M. from S.E. - clouds continued thick through the day. Left the hotel between 7 & 8 in the morning - paid 4/6 Y'k for horsekeeping & lodging. As it began to storm & my beast being in low condition we gave up our journey to Greenville & after looking at the city, canal boats & buying an undressed doll for Adeline - price 25" - shaped our course for home. Put in at Titus', Troy, past 10 o'clock -

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Saw and spoke with my old friend I.J. Hendryx in T's barroom. We felt rather gloomy - walked out to trade a little. Our old umbrella having failed was obliged to purchase a new one - went to Lane & Sons where they said their price was \$1.75" - we selected one that had a blemish on it which was sold to us for \$1.50", p'd cash down. Tried to find a morocco hat for our litt. boy, but there were few or none in market,

bo't of Hatch a felt one for	\$ .56
Bo't 25" worth red & black ink of W S Parker	0.25
Powelson - 8 yds cotton cloth	.83
Deersucker mittens	.56
Comigs - Spect's & 2 cases	0.63
	25" 2.83
Doll In Alb. 25" - Umbrella 1.50 Exp. 1.10 Deb'r stat'y	3.10
	5.93
Paid in full to J. Gary	4.81
	\$ 10.74

About mid-day left Troy in the rain - met J. Norton Jun somewhere on the road - It was nearly dark when arrived at Wadsworth's, where we halt







ed perhaps an hour - saw nobody that I was acquainted with except Abel W. and the bar-keeper Reed. When we resumed our journey it was very dark, and I was troubled with fear that we might get injured by some team we should meet, but nothing bad happened, and before we had proceeded 3 miles the moon shed her dim light upon us which enabled us to get forward nearly as well as if it had been day time - the clouds kept a close curtain over the moon - through that medium we rec'd light. Arrived here at half past 11 - were informed that our friend J.Rog's lady this morning at 6 o'clock became the mother of her 2d daughter.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 10 Thick clouds - calm all day - muddy roads - Sold to L.Downs Levi Downs this morning 2 qts & a pint brandy & rec O.W. 31" in full - Gave O.W.Daniels an order for \$2.97" on Dr Swift's store Daniels and paid him 12-1/2" cash toward his work - & for his day on the 9th paid off. inst paid in full 25" - his 7 months ended on the 8th - found him equal to the generality of boyd of his age. Including note to Royce in Kellogg's hands - by paying Mrs Parsons 62-1/2" - made up his pay in full to \$35.00 His lost time, which he made up, amounted to 3 days. Bliss' Carried Mr Bliss' cider to him - 2 bbls at his house & 1 at Dewey's cider. still - his apples made little over 6-1/2

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Nov. B's cid. was made on Monday - we drew his app's & casks here - hooped 1824 some - soaked them - transported his cider to him for but little over 1/4 part. On Monday a hhd of cid. was carried to E.Montague containing 118 gallons for which he was charged at the rate of \$1. pr bbl. Cider sold Cash price was said to be 80". We made this year about 36 bbls - sold Safford to O.C.Merrill 6-3/4, to E. Montague 3 bbls 22 gals - to D.Ruttenbur 3 Robin's bbls 26 gs, to Col Norton & Sons 3 do - to J.Murphy & J? Rog. 1 apiece wash for making in all 21 bbls & 8 gallons. At Dewey's cid. mill saw Mr Bates, hands. Edgerton, Aafford & Nath Robinson - Safford told me to wash my hands Borrowed man buttermilk to cure the salt - which at this time raged very high. money pd Paid at Dr Swift's store to his son a five dollar bill which I borrowed Dr Swift. of him on Saturday eve'g last. P.M. carried to H.Hall 106 lbs cheese - H.Hall went to mill - had to find him - Asahel - at his father's - His brother cheese. James & Brad. Witherswell accompanied us with their paring machines down H.Debar, to his house - took my grist & came home. Henry went a-hunting - kill- Greenslet, ed 3 grey squirrels - Sally made a good soup of them. Judge Fay's man Bates, & team bro't on apples here for Ben Greenslet - Mr Bates came on with J.Rogers his - S.H.Brown visited us this morning. Mr Rog's this year received of us 2 bbls cider - one of which was from our share of Mr Bliss.

Cold. THURSDAY, NOV. 11 High hard wind from N.W. - fly'g clds - cold increased all day - Began carting manure. Sally & Lydia Geese picked H.Debar picked geese. We dined on those greys killed by Henry this day. Mr F.Black- Bates made cider - we supplied him a horse to turn the mill. Charles mer married Brown staid with us this night - had 1st V. of Gibbons' Rome. Mr Franklin Blackmer was this evening wedded to Miss Eliza Norton 4th daughter of Capt J. Norton

FRIDAY, NOV. 12 Cold freezing day - flying clds - wd N - Continued Greenslet the business of the 11th. Mr Greenslet finished bring'g down his app's. Henry pursued his hunting business. Spencer this week attended races in Petersburg.







Nov. 1824 SATURDAY, NOV. 13 Fair & pleas't - much frozen - wd SW at night. After drawing a load of old wood for Mr Kent we continued getting out manure till late P.M. when finding it pretty badly frozen we adjourned till Monday. With my dear & daughter rode to Hinsdill's - made the business correct respecting the woolen yarn - drab D.Randall not finished - bro't away 4 yds red brown women's wear - Young David Randall came with us to D.Clark's - very lively & sociable - Adeline Cash from paid a short visit at uncle S. Robinson's, while we were at the Factory Bisbee. AT D. Clark's store rec'd from Cyrus Bisbee toward debt \$5. Took out StPierre. of the Library St Pierre's Vyage to the Isle of France - 1768-'71 &c Martindale J. Martindale Jun staid with us this night - as did Mary Waters. Henry H.Debar. I believe continued his hunting but without success. Dr Swift came to pay Mother a visit.

SUNDAY, NOV. 14 Dull & cldy - wind SW - stormed at n't. My usual employment, writing principally engrossed my attention Dimmick. Friend H. Dimmick bro't home the 2nd V. of Gordon & told some good stories. J.Martindale Jr & B. Loomis paid their respects to us. Dr Swift B.Loomis came again to visit mother, told some fine things of his dog.

Bull MONDAY, NOV. 15 Very rainy thick weather from S., gloomy. A two yr butchered. old bull was butchered - J.Rog. & H.Debar chief part sold butchers. Mr Bates, who bo't the one half of him, knocked him down - & to Bates. black Jo. happening here to borrow the fanning mill, cut his throat. The quarters being weighed immediately were - 409 lbs - hide 70 - tallow, rough, 14 - total 493 lbs. Mr Bates agreed to pay \$5. for his part, letting us take share of the hide towards it - the remainder to be paid on the first of Jan'y 1825. J.M.B.Spencer & Elijah More assist Greenslet ed at the beginning. Ben Greenslet came on to make cider - ground 1 vat full - cleared the press - prepared himself for putting on a cheese S.H.Brown. but the rain drove him away past noon. S.H.Brown started this day for E.Taylor Connecticut in a light 2 horse wagg. - by him sent to Mr Eph Taylor 7 lbs flax to be spun into a hay rope of the usual size - a short letter accompanied it.

Nov. 1824 TUESDAY, NOV. 16 Early A.M. there was a furious rain storm from N.W. - had some small dashes of rain during the remainder of the day - Wind N.W. tow'd evening, cldy & wet. The morning being rainy we examined the Gazette of Nov. 9 in which was the account of the Legislature. Legislative proceedings late in Oct. - pared apples for sauce with the J.Hubbell ladies - Mr Hubbell came to see about his cider - talked many things Greenslet finely an hour or two - saw & praised our fat hogs - we agreed to assist in making the cider - Henry he hired to build the cheese - and Debar that was our business P.M. Black Jo. bro't us a bhl of rye for which J.Rog. we paid him 1 gall brandy. J.Rog. rec'd a fore-quarter of beef at 2". H.Waters. H. Waters this evening assisted at paring apples. H.Debar played fid. Cherry- Sold 1 qt Cherry brandy very strong for 22-1/2" Rec'd the money of E.W brandy. Jr. H.W. said he had painted inside work for S.H.Blackmer.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 17 White frost this morn'g, cldy till past 10 o'clock. afterwards fair & quite warm - grew cold & cldy fro N.W. at night. We scrpaed the milking yard for manure & obtained a num Manure. Cart wheelber of loads which were carried on the S. meadow, below J.Rog's. - Wm Bates broke down one of the old cart wheels - Mr Bates' son William assisted Greenslet us from 9 in the morn'g till night - B.Greenslet lent a hand when not Lieut Safford occupied at the cid. press - had his little boy with him - said he was ford. 10 yrs of age. Lieut Safford came over to talk of buying pork of us - H.Debar. left it in uncertain way - we were at liberty to sell to others. Henry rode to Hoosick 4 Corners on horse back - Spencer owned the beast that







carried him - This evening after churning a large quantity of cream till it yielded butter - read St Perre's Voyage and the Troy Sentinel in which was stated the great triumphs of D.W. Clinton over Young of N.Y. for gov. Great success of the Greeks - the rising commerce of Egypt and Mahommed ally - who had 48 miles of canal dug within six weeks - great for raising cotton.

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Nov. THURSDAY, NOV. 18 Pleasant but pretty severe from N.W. - froze in the  
1824 shade all day - quite cldy in the evening. We continued getting out manure - had only the wagg. to get it off in - and in crossing the brook at night got stuck, but my means of the old cart soon extracted myself from this difficulty. We pared app's again this eve'g. Reynolds Carpenter bro't along a subscription paper for a stove & pipe for the school-house - Several had signed a dollar a piece & so Greenslet did I. Mr Greenslet did no more than to carry off 2 loads of cider late in the day. Henry had business in town - played fidd. at the shop - Martindale lived at his ease - assisted a little at milking the cows & watering the horses. J. Martindale Jun visited here this evening.

FRIDAY, NOV. 19 Cloudy till sometime past noon - then cleared up pretty pleasant - pretty chilly & some frozen all day - wind N.W. We wound off getting out manure - the greater part of which was distributed in the central part of the S. meadow - some below J. Rog's & some in other parts - say in all about 50 loads - Mr Greenslet assisted us as much as he could besides taking care of his cider. He Debat with his horse & wagg. went to mill for Specer - did business for J. Rog's - bro't his litt. girl from Algiers - delivered for us 40 lbs butter to D. Robinson Jr & 69 lbs hide at Ballard's.  
Jr  
Ballard. SATURDAY, NOV. 20 Fine - some flying fog - chilly air. White frost this morning. Father was rather out of health - went with me to get a load of butternut posts for board fence - which had been prepared a number of weeks since - salted sheep & cattle - we came down with our posts before noon - my father then assisted Greenslet awhile at grinding apples - Henry laid on his cheese for him. PM Lieut. I crossed over to Lieut Safford's to see him respecting pork - he tho't Safford's he should buy the half of one of the lightest of our swine - Mr Sol Lawrence was there transacting some kind of business or other. Calculated to go to Ballard's to get

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Nov. money for hide, but learned that he had not arrived from Albany - Pursue  
1824 my way into the street - made much enquiry about the price of butter -  
Price of could not get much information on the subject - some said it was 0/9 -  
butter. some 13" - some 14" - some 15" & some 1/0. Saw Mr Cushman's stage  
Cushman's coach - arrived new from Troy - built by C. Verzie - price \$450.00.  
stage Mr C. paid in part by turning out an old one that had run several years  
coach. S. Robinson, Heman Robinson & U. Edgerton, U. Hicks & many more viewed  
C. Bisbee. it. Visited my friend Bisbee whom I found in low spirits & very destitute of cash - paid me \$1. - mentioned being deceived by a girl about  
Royce some money &c. - I felt no matter how. Called on Mr Kellogg and took  
note. up that note signed on the 7th of June - paid \$5.41" towards O.W. Daniels labor for 7 months. Bargained with H. Hall to rec. the half of  
H. Hall. our largest hog - saw in his office A. & Heman Robinson & others, including Esq'r Henry - Got home about dark - played the flute for H.  
H. Waters Waters who told the curious story respecting Mr Bis. & the crafty old  
Trinket maid who deceived him by making him believe she had drawn a large prize  
peddlers. in a lottery &c. We entertained two young foot tin trunk peddlers here







Mrs S. this night. Mrs S. Dewey paid mother an P.M. visit - bro't news of the  
 Dewey. death of her son-in-law Mr Paddock who died on the 16th ult leaving a  
 Laura widow & 6 children to lament his untimely end - I formerly attended  
 Paddock. school with the widow - she is now about 35 - her christian name being  
 Laura.

StPierre SUNDAY, NOV. 21 Never a handsomer day - mild. Perused St Pierre aw  
 awhile and then wrote a few lines - tho't I discov-  
 O.W.D. ered a mistake in the account with T. Daniels - and to get an explanati  
 tion walked in company with H. Duncan, the boy who so badly hurt him-  
 self a few days since up to Mr Di's - dined there & found everything  
 correct except 17" for a penknife which I gave in - visited at

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Nov. Mr Duncan's - they were in good health - Mrs D. had heard from her moth  
 1824 e r & other friends - all in health except the former who they said was  
 considerably unwell - another day I might write more of these affairs,  
 Peddlers but am now too much occupied with other details. Our young peddlers  
 B.Loomis, this P.M. were joined by a young gentleman of the fraternity. B.Loo-  
 J.Rog's mis, J.Rog's, T.C.Parsons, and H.W. visited here this eve'g. Parsons  
 T.C.P. received for his lady, to whom we were indebted for her work, 3/6 - a  
 Cheese to cheese that weighed 21 lbs - 2d quality at 5" - leaving due us 47".  
 T.C.P.

MONDAY, NOV. 22 Mild - quite warm - about 9 & 10 A.M. P.M. it  
 clouded up thick - some smoky - wd S.W. - rained  
 Dry app. slightly tow'ds sunset. After breakfast we procured a dry app. tree  
 tree. which stood not a great way from the center of the young orchard for  
 fuel to heat water for scalding hogs on the morrow - made other prepa-  
 Greenslet ration for that business - assisted Mr Greenslet about the cider press  
 - reckoned up what cider he had got out which amounted to 20(gallons)  
 bbls & 17 g's - calculated that he should obtain enough more to make it  
 amount to 22 bbls - leaving due us at that rate 1 bbl & 2/3rds. Our  
 Pedlars. peddlers withdrew late this morning, paying their reckoning in their  
 goods for which they were not bashful in prices - Said they came from  
 Litchfield County - 2 from New Hartford & 1 from Harwington - we for-  
 got to ask their names - but accidentally learned that the gentleman  
 who came last bore the name of Kellogg - we guessed that the shortest  
 Represent man's name was Loomis - all from 20 to 21. P.M. rode with father to  
 tive Electhe Court house where we put in our votes for Mr Henry Olin to fill the  
 tion. vacancy occasioned by the death of Mr Richlate, a member of the House  
 of Rep. U.S. C.H.Williams was the opposing candidate - they stood  
 thus in this town for the former for the latter.  
 Comparatively few electors attended. Saw the New Vermont Gazetteer at  
 D.Clark's - Read a part of the Legislative proceedings in the paper of  
 Settled the 23d - pretty lively about pedlars &c. This evening settled an ac-  
 with count with Mr Cyrus Bisbee which after adjusting everything fairly  
 Bisbee. amounted to \$66.85" - This was \$40.92" - Deducted from ours \$1.33"  
 from the pigs sold to him Oct. 15

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Nov. reducing our side to \$65.52" - bringing him in debt \$24.60" for which h  
 1824 he gave his note payable 1 day after date - verbally promising to pay  
 \$12.00 within about a week. We thought that the above deduction was  
 asking more than was right or reasonable - he sold the pork immediately  
 with but very little trouble or expese, at, as he informed us, 6 cents  
 per lb - the small quantity sold us by the way was charged at 7" - but  
 he was disappointed in them - did not do so well as he did last year -  
 therefore he must have so much thrown off - abd we did so - telling  
 him for myself that I did not think it right. My debtor page was the







first gone through - prices all agreed upon - everything confirmed by reference to this volume, and my credit included articles not charged by him to the amount of not less than 50". In the end I believe he was well pleased - engaged to pay up the note by about the first of Feb'y. When we finished this business it was very dark - got our horse & wagg. from under Dewey's shed - father called at D's to get Uncle Sam to come down & help butcher on the morrow - could not find him - saw E. Montague - found too a social crew in D's N. room who in spite of himself made drink with them. Dark as it was we came directly home - the ladies had done the milking, fed the beef creature & pared apples. J. Rog. & H. Debar. Debar went to Hoosick together after a Jour. Shoemaker. The Norton's Mrs Crawford killed hogs. Mrs Crawford came here this P.M. & rec'd 6 lbs cheese (2nd quality) at 5" - 2 lbs butter at 0/9 & 5 lb pork (salted) at 7" which including her shoes at \$1.50 amounted to \$2.40" paid toward \$3.92 due her on the 12th Oct. 1824. We engaged to pay her a donation of 2 Pedlars. gallons brandy toward the completion of her new house. Those 2 pedlars who came here on Saturday were charged 50" a piece - the person who Dried arrived last - staid for 25". The ladies this evening declared against apples drying apples anymore apples - we were for it.

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Nov. Our school in this District was opened by Henry Kinsley this day - my  
1824 little girl attended. H. Dimmick butchered hogs at Capt Norton's

TUESDAY, NOV. 23 Cloudy - some dashes of rain E & N. It was a fine day for butchering, except being muddy. Father and Dimmick arose very early - Dimmick with his friend L. Downs came over before sun rise. Every preparation being made, they attacked the swine - but unfortunately Downs received a bad wound in his middle finger on his left hand from the bite of one of those animals which disabled him considerably. For J. Rog. & H. Debar I took home Mr Chandler's mare & wagg. At the office of Hall & Blackmer, after many pleas't little jokes in which Hall, T. Morgan and I. Crossett took part, agreed with S. H. Blackmer to receive the other half of the hog mentioned on the 20th inst., at \$5 Col. Borrowed Capt Hicks' large steelyards - Visited Col Merrill in his office & had a long conversation with him on politics &c. Returned home on foot - called by the way and got H. W's saw for sawing down ~~hay~~ hogs. Butchers Business was lively - there were present H. Dimmick, L. Downs, Sam Robinson Sen'r, Hiram Wallace, and Ben Greenslet, besides friend H. Debar who occasionally lent a hand. In the house we had very good music from the bow of Dan'l Hand. The 4 hogs were all butchered & handsomely dressed by a little past 12 o'clock - they dined, and then weighed them off - thus - 430, 353, 345 and 318 lbs - of the former H. Hall had 220 Blackmers and S. H. Blackmer 210 lbs - Lieut Safford who came over toward evening pork. bargained for one-half of the lightest - Dimmick divided it handsomely Lieut Safford and the piece allotted to him weighed 161 lbs - making the whole of what was killed, amount to 1446 lbs - from which subtract what was sold and there would remain with us 855 lbs. Henry D. & Horace Dimmick rode up with the big hog - took a big horn - did some other business - returned the steelyards & came home - Dimmick cut up the pork & staid over night - Henry was off with his friends Joseph & Dan'l Hand - the former had but lately come from Troy on a visit. H. Waters this eve'g and had a meal cooked composed mostly of fried kidney - Rec'd a billet







Nov. 1824 from C. Brown pr H. Dimmick directing me to pay on his account to Mr Parsons fifty cents - which I promptly did, not far from sun-set. Dr Swift C. Brown told me this morning he had been trying to sell his cows to Willard Dr Swift Bates but without success. Our good friend J. Rogers early in the day J. Rog's took some part in the business.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 24 Dark & rainy from the S. at night wind changed to N N.W. & grew cold - extremely dark - splashy travelling

Pork. ing - Packing pork was attended to and other affairs of less importance J. Rog's looked to - J. Rogers commenced footing a pair of coarse boots for me - boots also made a pair of shoes for Adeline who this day was not at school for boots. for want thereof. Lieut Safford rec'd for Cal Gillson 161 lbs pork at Sol Saf'd \$5.00 per hundred - Read St Pierre some in the evening - played the pork. flute - felt dull & retired to rest.

THURSDAY, NOV. 25 Blue, broken, cloudy - chilly wind from N.W. - very heavy travelling. Father finished his business with

Young catt~~le~~ with his pork - called home the young cattle, salted & put them in the S. meadow - they were in good condition. He nearly completed banking the house &c. In the course of the forenoon had some short opportunities with the violin which I treated in my usual unskillful manner. Dr Swifts P.M. carried Damia to Dr Swift's store - H. Debar accompanied us - left H. Debar her trading & drove to Ballard's - Pott'r said he was over to C. Nor-Ballard's ton's shop - thither I steered & found him - the bull's hide he called Bulls 68 lbs - could allow for it only at the rate of 4-1/2" - had no money - hide. would be here before or at night to see Jonathan - would probably bring me the money - wanted to buy some of our cow beef - Told me that Calf skin the dressed calf skin which I last carried from his works was worth in cash \$3.00. At the mill took in a small grist for ourselves - one for Dr Swift Bates, and another for Spencer. At Dr Seift's bo't 3 gs molasses - 1/4 lb tea & other Thanksgiving articles to the value of \$2.48" Damia bo't 9 yds plaid - \$5.04" - 5-1/2 do calico \$1.65" - and other things.

Nov. 1824 pertaining thereto making the sum of \$9.59" - In the eve'g when Lydia Lydia's came to be informed that the new plaid was for her, she promptly declared plaid ed she would have nothing to do with it - she should take no kind of satisfaction in wearing it while father & I were every day reckoning cloak. over what we owed &c. At the D's store saw D. Robinson's lady trad-VD McEowening there - V.D. McEowen & Lyman Robinson were also there - appeared to L Robin'n be contriving about some psrty of pleasure. In driving from the store H H Robin-down to E. Waters' fell in company with Henry H. Robinson & his brother-son. in-lay young Martin Scott, late from the W. - the former keeping a dair Mart Scott dairy made me ask him the price of butter - he answered 1/0 - the latter said he was born at the old Atwood house in 1804 - now he is a stout good looking young man - his father that year hired Atwood's farm - J. Norton now possesses 2/3rds of it. Churning a goodly quantity of J. Hand butter & paring app's made up this evenings employment - J. Hand slept with Henry this fair night - Wrote till late.

FRIDAY, NOV. 26 Heavy S. wind - chilly, thawy, - began to rain at or tow'd night - very unpleas't in the roads - great

Swine profusion of mud. The swine were transferred from the horse-stable to Stove the sty - beds filled with straw, stove shantee dismantled, banking the shantees. house finished & a variety of other small jobs attended to. In the ev' Drying eve'g the last of our app's for drying were pared under the enlivening apples. strains of young D. Hand's music on H. Debar's violin - and the seed Dan Hand. corn traced up by father, Lydia, Damia & J. Martindale Jr - This morning Martd'e a troubled couple made a short call here - were some advanced in life







Butler's the lady, past 60, poor woman, was totally blind. They stated that th  
blind they had come from the vicinity of Middlebury, Vt on a pretty expensive  
wife. tour, their cash gone &c. wanted to get forward to Pownal & to have som  
some effects which were at Mr Hicks', wished to get transported to the  
S. part of the town, for which he would pay in labor - the lady we must  
recollect had been blind 11 years - I engaged to do the business gratis  
Waited till he had ret'd from Mr Loomis' whence he had led his blind un  
fortunate partner - and then put my hooses before the big wagg.

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Nov. rode as far as Patchins'. Mr Butler, that being his name, had some bus  
1824 iness there - agreed with him to be at Hicks' when I should return there  
D.Clark At D.Clark's bo't for Adeline a spelling book, Marshal's, for 1/6 Y'k -  
spelling paid. Walked over to Capt David's to get money for butter, but he was  
book. now so occupied by Justice business that no private concern could be at  
S.H. tended to - Sat a short time to hear S.H.Blackmer question a waggon ma-  
Blackmer ker relative to the making of wheels in such manner as I thought discov  
ered a particular acquaintance with their mode of executing their work.  
Mr Ripley, my Algerine wagg. maker as well as several others were pres'  
Left here & proceeded with my team to Hcks' - could see nothing of my  
J.Loomis man - waited for some time in the bar-room for his appearance - H. Loo-  
Jr. mis Jr being present. At last H. Hall came in & requested me to go  
H.Hall. with my waggon to carry a few billets of wood from his house to the  
Butler. academy - I performed it - and while thus engaged Mr Butler came along  
- enquired for me - they told him it was probable I had gone home - &  
away he stretched off in pursuit of me. I took his goods consisting of  
a large sized common trunk painted blue in crazy trim, a plain smallish  
chest, a feather bed with something else done up therein, two mean look  
ing bundles, a woolen blanket or two and a little hand basket without a  
handle apparently filled with rags, & followed on to the S. At Chand-  
ler's took in Parsons who had a quantity of old tin that he had been  
getting mended at Mr Sangers' - My my friend at the place where our  
lane joins the highway - Left P. at his house & took up friend Butler,  
who on the way related what wonders he could do with a root of curing  
the asthma - had given a man in the street, Esq'r Selden I suppose,  
relief this P.M. Landed him & his effects safely at Mr Loomis'. On  
Mrs Fay my return got a roll of woolen cloth, about 22 yards, at Mrs Fay's -  
talked to her about money - promised her some soon. Caw at Capt N's  
J B Norton J.B.Norton & his new meat establishment. J.N. J8r said their largest  
Pork. hog weighed in Lansingburgh 467 lbs - none of their pork was lighter  
than 300. Capt. N. fed 1 or

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Nov. two of the Mamoth breed., Our pork was fine small boned, fsr from the  
1824 great over-grown kind. H.Debar amused himself shooting at mark. J.  
H.Debar Hand with his brother Dan'l with J.Martindale Jr slept here this night.  
J.&D.Hand Our little dog having been moping about 3 or 4 days, disappeared this  
day - we suppose he must have been shot at - and died.

SATURDAY, NOV. 28 Very wet after a rainy night - roads deep & bad to  
pass - cloudy & foggy with some fine rain tow'd eve

C.Brown Besides attending to the general routine of affairs about home, mounted  
the big wagg. along with C. Brown, J.Rogers, H.Debar & Dan'l Hand &  
Bates started for town - the 3 last being on their way to Mr Bates' shooting  
shooting match, alighted this side Parsons' - to the last mentioned place I  
match. drove & rec'd on board 10 or 12 old chairs with their owner - landed  
J.C.P. the same safely at the N. end of J.Hicks' long shed - called at Dr Swif  
chairs. store, bo't 1/4 lb salt petre for which pd 5" - enquired for essence of  
Goods bo't smoke - had none - would have it on Monday. Passed on to the hill -







left my horses under Cushman's shed where his negro man was employed  
 St Pierre over head in removing hay. Visited the book store & returned St Pierre  
 & rec'd it again. Went to see Capt David R. but was told by his lady  
 Bisbee. that he was somewhere down street - next went to Bisbee's - saw two ~~you~~  
 young men there who appeared to be new-comers one of whom talked some  
 of hiring himself by the year to gen. Robinson but wanted more than \$10  
 per month - and talked also of hiring of him a farm in Shirkshire on  
 which there was talk putting 20 cows - this was a very smart stout youn  
 Bisbee acquainted with friend B. Mr Bisbee engaged to send me \$12. within 2  
 weeks - if so I was not to call upon him for the other till the first  
 D.Robins'nof Feb'y next. Returned to the printer's - went on to D.R's - he had  
 Jr cash not got home - set off to hunt him up - met him this side his father's  
 - turned round & marched back to the house & rec'd in full for 60 lbs  
 4 oz butter at 14" per lb \$8.43" - Went again to Clark's, my friend  
 Dr Swift Brown & I with our books, rode as far as Dr Swift's where we halted a  
 moment. I paid \$5. borrowed money. See Nov. 12.

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Nov. there I took in Edwin Dimmick for the shooting match. Mr Duncan rode  
 1824 as far as our house on his way home. Bro't Clar'a Stone from against  
 Duncan. Mr Carpenters' - to that place I carr'd 18-1/2 lbs butter, making up  
 C.Stone. the whole quantity he had rec'd to 40 lbs. After my return from town,  
 Richard 1 gall brandy was sold to Mr Bates on Cr for 50". Father being some  
 Carp'ter. unwell - Lydia & Sally assisted at milking the cows, of which we num-  
 Bates. bered but 10. Charles, as we called her, being dry. H.Waters attend-  
 H.Waters. ed the match - was tolerably lucky - slept here with our boys. Past 9  
 friend Henry arrived from sd metrop. Our little dog safely returned  
 Accident. the river, informed that just below the Highlands on the Hudson a ves-  
 sel was capsized, filled & went to the bottom - 20 out of 35 persons  
 perished. A man was instantly killed on board of a canal boat as it  
 passed under a bridge across the Albany Bason, another being intoxica-  
 ted fell into the river and was drowned. H.W. took off an old friend o  
 of his in quite a droll way.

SUNDAY, NOV. 28 Cloudy & foggy - calm without w'd. Wrote a lengthy  
 Letter to letter to my old friend N.R.Locke, being a reply to  
 N R Locke that which is mentioned p.492 Mentioned among other affairs the marria  
 ges of Mr House (F) Lydia Jewett - S.H. & F.Blackmer, N. Squires, E. &  
 T. Montague  $\frac{3}{4}$  J. Rog. - and a numerous list of other particulars which  
 I have not time nor patience to insert here. C.Brown left us toward  
 evening after having paid us a very sociable visit during which he  
 made me a number of pens. Father was more than half sick. Mr Parsons  
 visited us to day - B.Loomis psid his respects to us this evening -  
 H.Debar. Hopkins unwell. H.Debar assisted at milking & watered horses - night &  
 morn.

MONDAY, NOV. 29 Uniformly cldy from SW - chilly till noon. Worked  
 Board at building board & post fence to enclose the N.  
 fence. barnyard - had about 68 feet pine boards of J. Rog. for which owed him  
 J.Rog's 53 or 54 feet, he having some months since had a board of like quality  
 of us.







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Dec'r 1824 Mr Bates paid this morning toward 1 gallon, 1-1/2 pints brandy, 62-1/2" - Bo't on credit another quart of the same. Henry Debar assisted at milk Bates. ing in the morning - amused himself at sporting in the early part of th H.Debar. the day - P.M. helped J.Rog. husk corn - in the eve'g went to Dr Swift' Goods at store for us - bo't 5 lbs nails at 18" worth for Damia all which was Dr Swifts entered on the store book. Paid cash to Damia 31", to buy stuff for J&D Hand shoes to wear to the Social Ball. J.Rog. employed Wm & N.Bates at chop Robinson. ping oak wood W. of our young orch'd. Dan'l & J.Hand were about here. Cousins Nath. Robinson & Emily came here this m'g.

Note to J.Hand. ~~FRIDAY~~, NOV. 30 Very mild pleas't weather for the season tho' not free from clds - Finished our yard fence  
TUESDAY Principally except the gate-way. Joseph Hand thinking he should some-time in the day depart for Troy transacted some business with H.Debar & me. From the money which I received from him Aug 31", gave my note due four months from date, with interest after the first of March next,  
J.Hand. verbally agreed with him that if he called for his money that he should give me 20 days notice. Henry gave his note due 1 day from date for  
H.Debar \$6.00 borrowed money. H.Debar accompanied Joseph to town - returned with him - they dined with us, and in the evening the former assisted  
Fowls. in catching & killing a number of fowls for thanksgiving. Tried to  
D.Loomis read St Pierre some, but was too drowsy. B.Loomis, J.Martindale & N. Norton visited the shop - somebody took Spencer down to his house on some kind of business. B.Loomis went from our house, I was going to write this evening - late as 10 - but it was Sunday eve. H.W. fided & slept here.

WEDNESDAY, DEC'R 1 Fine and mild - the sun was obscured a part of the time by light thin clds, wind S.W. The drain by the house was cleaned out, cider press discharged of its burden - while doing this last Levi Downs was present, likewise Ab. Brown who wanted to hire our large wagg. to transport a load of his homestead stuff to Connecticut. I was opposed to any agreement with him - so little confidence did I place in the man. He offered me \$3.00 cash for going, what he called 150 miles - He found from what I said what opinion I entertained of him and went off rather grouty. Uncle David Weeks waited up-  
Mr Weeks on Mrs Crawford here about noon - father spent a little time with him.  
Mrs Crawford. Mrs C. rec'd toward donation 1 g'n brandy promised on the 22d ult.  
Levi Measured to Levi Downs 2 qts brandy, tow'd butchering, not to be chg'd.  
Downs. the man was badly wounded. We ended the day preparing the yards and fences for winter. This evening I left

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Dec'r 1824 father, Lydia & Sally preparing sausage meat - and was a spectator at the Social Ball held at Dewey's Assembly Room. Among the married gentl men, noticed H.H.Fassett, J.H.Hicks, H.Robinson, J.Norton Jr., U.M. Robinson, F. Blackmer & others not recollected - everything was conducted in due form - the music was good & lively - performed by French, Goodrich & a young smart looking man named Weeks, from Granville, N.Y. who occasionally cut some curious flourishes on his violin. Saw Damia dance one fig. with Bakar Robinson - Past 10 laid my course from for home - fine moon light & still & mild - wd S.W. Borrowed doz. candles  
Gid House at E.Waters'. G.House staid there - said he was thirty two years of age in May last. After getting home read newspaper awhile before going to bed. I must take the liberty to insert a few names of spectators - D.Rob. Jun & Lady, Lawyer Squire, J.Hubbell Esq'r, Capt E. Waters, H. H.Debar Waters, with his little round hat, & B.Loomis - H.Debar did nothing in our service - took his pleasure at hunting, fiddling &c. J.Hand I believe worked for J. Rog.







THURSDAY, DEC 2 Held very moderate & warm all day. Extremely foggy early in the morning, in the course of the day wind clds began to rise from S.E. Very little noise prevailed here, no company except H. Debar, J. Martindale & J. Hand, of whom the first & last after breakfast and fixing up a little, were off till supper ended - sat at the 2d table - the second arrived from the furnace where he had been at work for his friend Ruttenbur till just before leaving there - supped in the other room & was off. I wrote Journ'l - walked out P.M. with Adeline, salted sheep - read St Pierre where he described a great storm or hurricane which happened while he was on the Isle of Bourbon - Dec'r 1770 - Returned across the S. meadow just before supper - that being over - played the fidd. a few moments in Jon's shop - measured p't brand brandy to friend K. who p'd 12-1/2" - for that & another p't rec'd a day or two before. Fluted some in the evening - all sat down calmly to their business. Father went to Church returned with Mr Loomis.

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Dec'r 1924 Friend H. Dimmick paid us a visit - said he had through with a hunting match at which he killed 13 rabbits - related a curious election story - this was in the evening - we laughed heartily. T.C. Parsons was present & assisted at being pleased with Horace's stories. Lydia read to D. the Trow expedition - March 8 1817 - after which he departed for home. I feel disposed to add something respecting the Ball - the married gent's had their ladies with them - the supper was said to be most extravagantly fine. I was not a little amused while standing in the litt. room S. of the Ball Room to see Cushman's Negro, formerly Fasset's, ready to burst with laughter at what he esteemed very queer among the gent. & ladies. Having thrust myself into that spacious hall lost no time in (time) procuring a seat which offered itself near where sat D. Rob's Jr's wife - presently somebody came along that wanted a place on the bench & had it  $\frac{3}{4}$  - David removed from his station to chat with his lady - I had to remove - by degrees reached the big table on which the musicians were planted like three judges - and over this assembly they held greater sway than judges commonly do over a court room full of people. Here, unmolested, I stood upon the bench near the chair of Mr Week's till my departure - past 10 o'clock.

FRIDAY, DEC. 3 Damp air - low clds & fog hugged the mountains early in the day - P.M. it was all closely shut over - a fine misty rain commenced which increased till in the evening it became quite powerful - but little wind was perceived through the day - A.M. it seemed to be S.E. - P.M. N.W. Started with neighbor Brown's oxen before our wagg to go to Brown & Turner's Mill past 9 this morning - found uncle E. Fay walking from Capr N's tow'd home with a jug in his hand, in the course of his conversation he mentioned that his nephew H.A.F. had lost his property by being bondsman to some one - his son visited him a few weeks since - found him in low health - Arrived at the saw mill expected to find boards with Dimmick's name chalked thereon & ready culled to my hand, but after hunting a

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Dec'r 1824 good while made enquiry of a young man working in the mill, so pointed out a large heap of seasoned stuff close in with the pond just S. of the mill, which D. had shown me in June, as belonging to him, here loaded up - measured till I got on 480 feet - put on a considerable Quantity besides, including a small stock of hemlock - Excepting 3 very wide boards which were almost clear stuff & 5 others which measured 105 ft of a secondary quality, I supposed it such kind of lumber







as a few years since could be bo't in common deal for \$8 pr thous'd - Bound my l'd which perhaps contained 700 ft & pulled for home - Near Lev Hill Jewett's saw Levi Hill's with his wife - she was on horseback - they owed me 3l" - for brandy with which they had been trusted many months I offered to treat if they would pay it - she asked if I would take 25" H.A.Fay & call it even - answered yes - & rec'd the money down. At E.Fay Jr's saw J.F.Billing - talked with Elijah & him concerning H.A. a few moment Mrs Fay. - went into the house where Mrs F. had company - paid her \$1.75" - rec' from her an account of weaving performed for us the pres't year - look- Weaving. ed it over this eve'g & found that she had woven 162 yds at 0/6 subject to a discount of 1 cent pr y'd & 38 more at 0/8 subject under the same incumbrance as agreed upon in may last - total am't being \$15.72" - had paid in cash and orders \$15.24" - leaving due her 48" Father got tim- Gate postsber for gate posts &c. - the girls visited Mrs Waters - Delia came home H.Debar with them. Henry took off my beard in the morn'g - took as much pleas- ure as he could invent ways to hatch all day - harnessed horse to the J.Hand wagg. for the ladies. Joseph was here in the morning, but not at night

SATURDAY, DEC'R 4 The rain storm which began on the 3d changed to sno  
snow early this m'g driven before a stiff N.W.  
breeze - it was fine - made no sleighing - snow ceased fall'g by 2 or 3  
o'clock P.M. - cold

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Dec'r The day was mostly employed in preparing stables for bowing up the cows  
1824 of which we stabled 15. Joseph Hand tow'd eve'g took leave of us to  
J.Hand start from Hick's in the stage for Troy. Henry supped in comfort at th  
H.Debar the shop as usual, walked with his friend J.Hand to town - visited some  
of the neighbors at night. Previous to this date our horned cattle &  
Stock. sheep lived in the meadows, pastures without forage. The horses had  
been stabled a number of weeks - say all Nov.  
Our stock consisted of 1 Yk of Oxen

h'd	-----	2
Cows fair & liv	--	18
Beef	-----	1
Two yr old bull	--	1
Young heif.	-----	1
CALves	-----	4
Two horses	-----	2
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SUNDAY, DEC'R 5 Very cold in the morning -  
contin'd cold & windy from  
N.W. with flying clds more or less through the  
day. Affairs were looked to snugly at the barn  
Cider. - two bbls cider were drawn from the cider -  
press, being considerably frozen - tried some  
assisted by J.Rog's & Henry to draw the stone boat  
Cider. with these bbls thereon into the kitchen, but we had to relinquish the  
plan & roll them in. The best flavored was racked off & put into a  
cask which had been used till of late as a brandy bbl, having been part  
ly filled the pres't season with cider - the remains of which we drew  
out, but did not take pains to rinse her - added 3 qts cid. brandy and  
then filled her with cider, a few quarts only, drawn from the other bbl  
this last being branded "J.Topping" on the head, borrowed of B.Green-  
slet, who said he borrowed it of Sim. Thayer - was rolled into the  
cheese office - there to remain till farther orders. That which was  
racked off &c was calculated for drink next haying. Said cider was had  
N.R.Locke of Greenslet tow'd the use of cider mill - Finished writing my letter  
to Mr Locke - My address - was "Capt Nath'l R. Locke. Mentioned some-  
thing intended, as we presumed in a family not far from this old habita-  
tion - see marginal reference, first from top - p.69 - Death of Capt  
Waters - Dr Swift being in great business, where he resided &c. Closed  
in as friendly style as I was master of . In the eve'g read some of  
Bigland on the SE & N parts of Africa - a little respecting Columbus.  
Looked in St Pierre about the formation of trees being the work of litt  
H.Debar animals &c. Henry gallanted Miss Dickinson, nurse of Mrs R. to her  
fathers near Dimmicks.







Dec'r Young C. Stone by the same conveyance went to John Hick's - J. Martindale  
 1824 spent a part of the day here, visited his brother's a short time only, re  
 J. Mart. turned here early in the eve'g or late P.M. & lodged with his friend  
 Henry. Mr Kent obliged us with his company this evening. On Friday  
 Boots by last began to wear a pair of coarse boots which J. Rogers had lately ~~for~~  
 J. Rogers. footed for me - See 8th Jan'y last.

MONDAY, DEC'R 6 Chilly, cldy wind S. - snowed at night. We, in our  
 bungling way measured those boards bo't of friend  
 Dimmick on Friday and made out that there were not far from 676 feet.  
 Father was half sick - went out to cut timber for cow-bows - I made mod  
 erate haste to take off my beard in order to attend the election of mem  
 Dr Swift. ber of Congress from the 5th Dis't. Doc'r Swift came in his physical c  
 Election. capacity to visit mother who had suffered some from a loose complaint  
 which had more or less plagued the whole family. The Doc'r tarried a  
 good while, talking of this & that - Capt B. & others. Soon after his  
 exit I departed with about 17 lbs butter in the blue pail for town on  
 foot - Called at Chandler's to talk of gate-hinges & rivets - saw there  
 L. Downs, Levi Jewett & A. Randall  $\frac{3}{4}$  Visited Col Norton's on like busines  
 D. Clark. Saw Nath'n Robinson & A.D. Robinson while there - deliv'd butter at D.  
 Clark's - went to bookstore - entered letter to friend Locke - Friends-  
 Ira Hawks ville, Pennsylv'a - Ira Hawks was present - S. Clark got displeased with  
 him about not paying postage - all ended in smoke. In the printing  
 Ly. Sher- office found Lyman Sherwood whom I invited to go home with me - we dise  
 wood. cussed on politicks - Mr Dool'e joined us - Lyman we found disliked  
 Clinton - At the Court House voted for Wm C. Bradley for member of Con-  
 gress from this District - returned to Dewey's - saw Lyman in the bar-  
 room, which was stuffed pretty full - agreed with him to tarry there &  
 thereabouts till I was ready to go home - got my butter pail from  
 Clark's & came to Dewey's as we had

Dec'r had talked of - but after vainly looking for him a good while concluded  
 1824 to travel home alone - In my rambles saw Moses Wickwire altering the  
 Wickwire boom lately occupied by H. Robinson as a store, formerly Judge Robinsons  
 Tavern office, into a kitchen. Here lay an old tavern account book, in the han  
 acc'ts writing, as I supposed, of J.E. Robinson, where were inserted names of  
 persons long since gone to rest - dated 1799 & 1800. After running to  
 & fro some time - met friend Sherw'd as I was marching down gen. Robin-  
 son's hill, going on the hill to get his cloak - I shaved a 2 dollar  
 Cash ret'd Rhode Isl'd bill to Dr Swift that I rec'd Nov 25 of D. Robinson jr -  
 to D. Rob- which he disliked - would not take it - carried it directly to F. Black-  
 inson Jr mer who condemned it without hesitation. I deemed it safe & most for  
 Dr Swift my interest to return it to Capt D. Robinson without loss of time -  
 J. Ron'n which I had the good fortune to do in the brick house tavern just with-  
 in the door - Judge Danforth rec'd it back from him. David took me to  
 his office and paid me other money, which settled the whole of this con-  
 cern. Bo't on cr at D. Swift's 2 gimlet 11 - large pap'r tobacco 11 -  
 & butts & screws for hing 'g tab. leaf 13" - in all 35". Lyman accom-  
 panied me home & staid all night. Attended some to reading - little to  
 music this eve'g. J. Rog. killed his hog which weighed about 300 lbs -  
 large boned - Henry assisted him - helped father bow up cows &c at the  
 Mrs Fay. barn. Sent to Mrs Fay her pay in full 48 cents.

TUESDAY, DEC'R 7 Mild, cldy & some thawy - mostly w. S. Father com-  
 plained of ill health but was able to give assist-  
 ance in various ways. Mr Kent hewed gate posts & motied a piece of  
 scantling intended for s'd gate. H. Debar worked for us - dug holes for  
 gate posts, assisted at planting the hinge post, chopped some apple







Gate & posts. tree &c. I was in haste to get sway so as to procure hangings & other materials necessary in building gztas - Rode with friend Sher'd in the Kent. 1 h. wagg. Rec'd for Mr Kent at Brown's 1-1/2 bbls rye - measured in Bates the presence of W. & N. Bates who were threshing oats - fine they were boys. too.

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Dec'r 1824  
Chandler  
Isaac Judd's note.  
DrcSwift  
Parsons.  
Ballard.  
Dr Swift.

carried it to mill for J.Rog's who rec'd the same from Mr K. Mr Chandler's people - or say himself & son being engaged in shoeing oxen, Mr Houses's being then on the carpet, would not get my job done till eve'g. Parted with Sherw'd at Hick's house shed, where he found a conveyance i into Hoosick in Mr Harper Rog's double wagg. Just as I arrived at Dr S store - I.Judd & E.Montague met me near the door, passed the usual compliments & availed myself of the opportunity to mention to the former that, looking over our papers a few days since, found a due bill agains him of \$6.85" on which was endorsed at the date ninety cents, leaving, as I cast it, in my head, \$5.75" which was a mistake I did not discover till too late to mend - he owned the debt, altho given May 12th., 1814 & fairly outlawed, yet would he pay it - wanted to be indulged a few months longer - I returned an easy careless reply while he with a roll of soal leather on his shoulder walked over to F. Blackmer's. At fri'd M's suggestion followed him there & got him reluctantly to agree to give a new note, which at my request was drawn by Mr Blackmer payable 5 months from date with interest - being read & signed by Mr Judd, I rec'd & pocketed it, though not without being folded & filed by Blackmer in his best style. Left a pail at Dr Swift's - went to the Safford Mill - left rye for J.Rog.- bro't away a gr't of wheat flour for T.C.Parsons - returned to Ballard's to see him respecting beef - took him in to ride with me home that he might see for himself and to do some business at Jonathan's. Going up the meeting house hill he got out of the waggon, in so doing made a blunder that brought him on his hands & knees in the mud - quickly recovered - went through A.Robinson's field up by the distillery to Chandler's where he staid while I came round the corner - calling at Doctor's to take in a pail of sugar - (25 lbs at 10-1/2") and 1/0 worth large cut nails - With B. soon reached home - assisted in putting down the

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Dec'r 1824  
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Chandler.  
R.Carpenters.  
Kellogg.  
W Haswell.  
S.Robinson.

the hinge gate post and other affairs - Mr B. looked at the cows, was u uncertain for awhile which quarter he would buy, but at last rather concluded to take a forward one. Mr Bates bo't on short cr 1 qt brandy. In the evening with 5 qts of that blessed stuff went to Mr Chandler's - they rec'd it tow'd their work of 50" - they engaged to finish my hooks & eyes during the evening. I called at R. Carpenter's - he was not within - next at Kellogg's office where a young man was playing the flu flute - T.Hills was present - I played a tune or two - School Master Martin came in with another flute - they soundeded together & finding a discord the young man I first noticed went over to borrow Lym Robinsons - before his return, left & went to Clark's book-store - wrote minutes of the day - saw the Wms'n mail come in - if I mistake not - James Hicks & Hames Loomis among many more happened in - looked at books - saw the Life of Gen Green, Hallam's Middle Ages &c. Bo't 1 quire paper on cr there. Ran down to Wm Haswell's - uncle Sam was there assis ing at cutting up & packing pork - that had been the business of the day - saw several bbls in nice order - We talked of many different persons & things as people usually do when they are not together every day - bringing forward some personages who have not lived in town for a number of years - Abel Stark - usually called 'Pork Abel' in allusion to some bad dealing of which he had been guilty in that article -







engrossed our attention for awhile. Uncle S. giving me the promise of coming to butcher a cow for us on the morrow. Started for home - stopped at Rich'd Carpenter's - talked about his cow which he said was excellent but unruly - wanted to sell her at \$16 - I didn't want to buy - if I had I don't think I should buy at that rate. He paid me \$2. toward butter - then I jogged on to Mr Chandler's - waited some time for my work - they gave an account of the manner in which some of the old Deerfield farmers work it to get rich by feeding fat cattle - Informed me that they stuck very close to their business &c &c - 2 doz riveys - 62-1/2" - hooks & eyes nearly 6 lbs - 98" - concluded to call it all \$1.62-1/2".

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Dec'r 1824 Kent. Gate. H.W. shooting match. WEDNESDAY, DEC'R 8 Flying clds, chilling wind. The large gate on the N.W. side of the N. barnyard was hoisted on its hinges, swinging into the meadow - Mr Kent chief engineer - the 4 slats were 4 hemlock-boards - edges bro't together - jointed snugly - and the then the upright pieces & braces smartly rivited & nailed through & through with double tens - of the former there were 15. Father a part of the time left K. & me to manage for ourselves - he being engaged at other business. H. Waters came down in wonderful haste - worked up a quantity of lead into balls with which he afterwards, as I was told by him, killed six hens at three shots - being set up by Nath Robinson a few rods E. of Bisbee's - Henry went to witness the performance - in the evening he went to Dr Swift's store for the girls to get 1/2 yd more of plaid to furnish out the new cloak in full. Those fowls were put up as I understand two at a time in a line - at what distance I do not recollect. Shooting matches were the rage at this crisis.

THURSDAY, DEC'R 9 Thawed very little - ground frozen dry - Such part of the time as I could get, worked at the new gate. Father was also employed with me too in the morning putting down the post against which it swings - nailing thereto a piece of scantling for casing, another board added to the bottom, bolt fixed &c. Nearly noon Robinson & Dimmick. Beef butchered. uncle Sam Robinson came to kill the cow - I ran over to Brown's to borrow knives - Mr Bates, H. Dimmick, and Emir Hills were employed at butchering pigs for neighbor B. D. said he'd soon join us in dressing the beef - he shortly followed me & the cow commonly known by the appellation of "Old Star", colored dirty red, reared in March or April 1809 was slaughtered in due form. In hauling up the carcass they had some ill fortune or they would have made quicker work of it - at any rate although it was very chilly, the business was conducted with a good deal of life & animation as is usual among butchers, & if their ideas began to grow dull, the application of a little two year old brandy would more than restore them to their wonted activity - neighbor Dimmick can testify to the truth of this, when he recollects his gait as he bro't the quarters from the barn to the cheese press shantee along with J. Rog. who likewise otherwise was only a spectator.

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Dec'r 1824 H. Debar Mr Kent. N. Norton Very late about my choars at the barn, father having become so chilled in assisting about the beef that he dared not to venture out after supper. Henry was absent nearly the whole day - dark when he got home - We agreed to pay Mr Kent 50" a day for his services in gate-building & he rec'd toward it 1 qt brandy & 5 lbs cheese - called both 38". Norman Norton slept with his good friend Henry this night.

FRIDAY, DEC'R 10 Nine in the morning, or thereabouts, it commenced snowing, but it soon changed to rain, of which how-







Dimmick. ever no considerable quantity fell - fine & misty - mild & foggy - at night. H.Dimmick called here early this morning, being on his way hom home, tried to persuade him to take breakfast, but could not because his brethren were at his house on a visit. He examined & measured the  
 Boards. boards mentioned on the 3rd inst., & according to his direction credite him 171 feet pine at 80" pr h'd - & 416 ft pine & hemlock at 60". We  
 H.Debar. sent Henry DeBar this morning to Ballard's with 73 lbs hide according to our steelyards which in 1823 were sealed, & 138 lbs beef - fore quar  
 G.Potter ter - the former was rec'd by B. the latter by G. Potter with a promise  
 Beef. of pay next week - hide at 5 - meat at 3 cents pr lb - B's new steel-  
 Ballard yards differed from ours in the beef 3 lbs & in the hide 1/2 do. On this expedition H. conveyed Dama to & from Dr Swift's store - what fur-  
 ther business engorossed his attention I shall not undertake to state - we were fixing all day, and got but little done - drove a post into the ground for the new gate to swing against when open, with a kind of late attached thereto to catch & make it fast. The N.E. part of the N.yard fence was patched & capped - also the fence posts N. side wood pile were righted up. In the evening we amused ourselves contriving how to  
 H.Waters make board fence, build gates, make shelves in the kitchen &c. H.Water this evening worked busily at running bullets, for firing at turkies.  
 Mrs Mrs Crawford rec'd 4 qts brandy in full for charity & 1 qt on acc't.  
 Crawford.  
 SATURDAY, DEC'R 11 Foggy- rainy by turns through the day - bad walking slightly thawed - at the surface. Weighed beef &  
 Tallow found the am't to be about 645 lbs including say 49 of tallow. Mending stable floor - hanging the upper door of the horse-stable & fixing wood shed, made up this day's w'k

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Dec'r Mr Kent walked over to see us - mid-day & P.M. Rec'd from Mr Bates  
 1824 towards brandy 38" - of which sent by him 33" to pay his wife in toto  
 Mr Kent for making O.W.Daniels' pantaloons. Mr Bates had 1 qt brandy on credit  
 Mr Bates J.Rog's early visited Algiers - returned by way of the meeting house -  
 cash. with some of his friends fired at a mark in the S. meadow. P.M. attend  
 Cash pd ed H. Waters' shooting match W. of Bates' in the meadow above the groun  
 his lady. on which stood the old Barrack. H.Waters breakfasted with his friend  
 J.Rog's Debar here this morning - having previously gone to Hicks' & engaged &  
 H.W's rode down in his 1 h. wagg. drawn by H's elegant bay - with which they  
 shooting match afterwards went to Merchant's, Pow'l to transport turkies that they had  
 purchased there in order to set them up at their s'd match. This eve'g  
 J.Wittum we were very handsomely served with music by James Wittum of Pow'l,  
 Boys. both on the violin and flute alternately - related very intelligibly  
 his march in 1819 from Greenbush to Council Bluffs & other adventures  
 - this gent, H. Waters, J.Martindale & H.Debar supped (with) here this  
 eve'g. Norman Norton was a spectator of dancing & music here. Sally  
 had to be absent at Parsons'. H.Hopkins was very food.

Wittum SUNDAY, DEC'R 12 Cloudy - a little thawy & chilly - wd S. Mr W. sai  
 said he was this day 34 years of age - pd 25" for 1  
 qt brandy. By request staid till after breakfast, engaging to call  
 again ere long. Father went to church, saw Judge Fay who had gained hi  
 Ayres his reason in a great measure. Mr Ayres paid us 25" for a peck of salt  
 - talked some of keeping one of our farrow cows for her milk through  
 Mart. t he winter. J.Martindale & O.W.Daniels were here P.M. - B.Loomis in  
 O.W.Daniel the eve'g. Rec'd from Mr C.Bisbee by the hand of his son Chester  
 Bisbee twelve dollars in bills - 10 dollars Springfield Bank No. 2121, dated as  
 sends near as we could make out, Nov 1 1815 - and two ones on Farmers' Bank  
 cash.







Troy, the one Nov 1. 1819, the other Feb'y 12 1823 - endorsed sd sum on Bisbees' note - see Nov 22 - Dark, chilly and unsteady this night - felt much pleased on account of receiving this cash.

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MONDAY, DEC'R 13

Rough - wind pretty high from S.E. with occasional showers of rain, till toward morning, then blew from

Wheat

N.W. Usual concerns were attended to & 64 sheaves wheat threshed off An Irishman who appeared to have had a late fuddle, took breakfast with us; talked much of his country & eminent characters thereof, Rob't Emmet, Lord Fitzgerald, Lord Wellington, Old King, Royal Family, Rebellion of 1798 &c. Weaver by occupation - called his name Kelley - shaved himself & left us after breakfast. All we could learn concerning his age, for I forgot to ask him the question, was that the Rebellion happened before his birth. Daniel Hand played the fidd. here this evening

D.Hand

H.W.

J.Martin.

H.Waters, J.Martindale & H.Debar present - the latter sawed wood some for Hummuston.

TUESDAY, DEC'R 14 Freezing & growing cold all day - cldy - wind N.

Gate posts

Timber for 2 gate posts was cut, drawn to the door, hewn & planted at a gap on the E. side of the N.Barn-yard - to communicate with the orchard - these posts were let into the earth more than 3-1/2 feet, rather over 6 feet asunder - Butternut is the timber for

Gate made

this yse - This evening we made a gate for this place. 4-1/2 feet high & nearly 5 feet 9 inches wide. Dan'l Hand played the fidd. here this

D.Hand.

H.Debar.

morning - obliged his friend H.Debar through the day more or less in that line at Jona's shop - Parsons had joiner at work fixing his currying room floor - had 1 qt "O, be Joyful" here in the evening on credit, took my partner off besides. Lydia, Sally & Diadamia manufactured 40

Candles

made.

doz. cott. wick candles which it was supposed would weigh about 59 lbs. Due 1 doz. to Mrs Waters.

WEDNESDAY, DEC'R 15 Wind blew sharply from N.W. very cold & freezing.

roads extremely rough & sharp - Winnowing 3 bhls

or thereabouts wheat & carrying the same to mill & packing beef made up the labor of the day chiefly. Had steel-yards, large ones, tried by N.Dexter - found them correct on the heavy side - paid him 8 cents for his services - bo't at Dr Swift's pair large, 1 do small butts - 2-1/2 doz screws, screw driver, 0/9, 3 lbs cut nails & 37" worth essence smoke - in all \$1.17"

Steel-

yards.

Dr Swift

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Settled

with F.

Blackmer

&amp; CO.

O.W.D.

mistake.

Settled accounts with F.Blackmer - the amount including \$4. borrowed cash was \$28.10 - by paying \$8.35" balanced the same. Our books compared exactly excepting some blunders, one of which occasioned a gross oversight in my reckoning with O.W.Daniels, whose mother on the 14th Sept last when I was at Manchester doing duty as a prive in Jed Dewey's Floodwood Company - by permission of our ladies took our store book, presented it to N. Blackmer the cl'k & bo't goods to the am't of \$1.88 which instead of inserting under his brother's name in said book, wrote it under that of Dr Swift & the mistake was never discovered until this day. We settled in perfect harmony & I opened a new acc't by purchasing 1/2 lb tea, 46", A Mr Barber & Rexford Whittum were present - so also was Norman the clerk. Saw James Buck twice, at first tow'd or indeed exactly in Algiers - and the last time near Dr Swift's store with his wife - had lost a bag of buckwheat & \$4.00 in bills. At Clark saw Mr Peters & others - returned St Pierre and took out Hodgson's Letters from N. America - got into my wagg. at Dr Swift's - left grist at E.Waters' for which he appeared much pleased - & got home a little

Jas Buck

P.Office

Hodgson

E.Waters







past sunset - Jonathan & Henry were employed much at shooting at turk-  
ies - the former gained 3 or 4 with his gun - went at night to peddle  
them out to court folks. Caroline Waters visited Diadama this day.  
C.Waters Sally tarried at neighbor Parsons' where there was introduced a very  
swell 10th child and 7th son to him and his partner. Hopkins was sick  
Birth at in the morning - grew better tow'd night - Lost in the course of the  
Parsons' 0/9 cash. Mr J. Bates bo't on credit early in the morning of the 14th  
P. 700 1 gallon brandy. H.Debar was about home all day & assisted some at the  
Bates barn at night. Moses Wickwire came at night to get information respect  
Wickwire. ing the shelves we had in contemplation.

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Dec'r THURSDAY, DEC'R 16 Sharp & keen from N.W. dry & frozen - pleasant with  
1824 few or no clouds. Capt E.Waters sent down his jour  
E.Waters neyman M.Wickwire who planed & put up three shelves, to the longest of  
Wickwire which he made no braces, built a flight of steps 19 inches high & near-  
ly compleated a wood box for the S. room. Our joiner was waited upon,  
& 36 or forty sheaves rye thrashed - the last being done by father -  
regular chors performed in the bargain. Caroline Waters, accompanied  
by her broother, and Moses, went home early in the evening. I read Hodg  
H.Debar son awhile, found him entertaining & intelligent. Henry worked a part  
J.Rogers of the day sawing wood along with Bates' boys for J.Rogers. The latter  
gentleman borrowed cow-hide this evening sufficient for footing paid of  
boots. I must not forget laying away our cider mill in the early part  
Cider of the day. Henry D. & Bates' boys assisted in lowering the sweep &  
mill. putting it in its destined place.

FRIDAY, DEC'R 17 A very chilly breeze prevailed from S. all day -  
bro't with it snow & hail at night - ending in rain  
the storm seemed quite distressing. Friend Wickwire finished his join-  
er work here, compleating wood boxes, spit box, hanging the gate notice  
New gate above with large butts, hanging a light door to the stoop room, table  
leaf &c. After assisting at some of the above business rode off to  
H.Debar mill, accompanied by Henry Debar as far as the meeting house - he took  
D.Clark for me to D.Clark's the blue pail with 19-3/4 lbs butter - went to Bis-  
bee's to buy or bring home for J.Rogers 8 lbs candles - I carried grist  
Kent of rye including 1-1/4 bhls for Mr Kent to pay in full for his last  
work - Dec. 8 - At the mill saw a young man fire at a mark distant 18  
rods, but did not hit. On my return called at Mr Godfrey's - the old  
gent seemed quite smart - enquired for Mr Potter - was told that he was  
at Ballard's - took in young E.Waters at A.Norton's shop - stopped at  
Capt Hill Capt Hill's - saw him managing his newly invented machine for sawing  
fire wood - went well too. Went to Ballard's

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Dec'r talked respecting his steelyards - he expressed doubt about the correct  
1824 ness of them, agreed to allow me my weight if he should not get his  
Ballard tried at Dexter's. Potter allowed me pay for 136 lbs \$4.00 which he pd  
Potter me at his father-in-laws to which place I accompanied him on foot. On  
Shooting the hill took on board H.Debar and came snugly home. In the evening  
H.W. there were here H.Waters, J.Martindale & A. Norton. Cousin Nathan Rob-  
J.Martin. inson bro't his sisters Polly & Emily on a visit this eve'g - went home  
N.Norton in a bad storm. It will be seen by turning to Sunday, Nov 21st that I  
N.Robin- there mentioned that O.W.Daniels rec'd a penknife which had not been  
son sis- charged to him. I was not correct for on looking over my book it is  
ters included and reckoned in.







SATURDAY, DEC'R 18 Very rainy in the morning from S.E. - warm - clouds low & thick - wind changed to N.W. at night and showered heavily a short time - mud extremely deep. Some chopping was done by father & cattle taken care of &c. I wrote a short letter to be sent with ten dollars to Sophia Waters of Arlington - carried letter & money on to the hill, but found no opportunity to forward it as I wished. Met on the way Mr Duncan by whom sent word to O.W.Daniels to come & see me on the morrow. At Dewey's saw a young gentleman trying to get subscribers for a new Map of the heavenly bodies, but he prevailed on no one while I was there. Stephen Robinson being seated near his friend Edgerton informed me that I was not returned to the Listers equipped for military duty &c. - so my poll gets taxed this year for the negligence of my Capt'n nearly \$2.00 Talked some with lawyer Sheldon about carrying my money, but he was not going home today. Paid Col Henry Robinson as he sat conversing with Wickwire & somebody else, 31" for half lb bohas tea bo't by mother at his store some day last summer. As I came along home called at Dr Swift's where I mentioned to Edward the price of the large

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Dec'r 1824 wood screws bo't there on the 15th which by mistake was set too high - his father in looking over the articles had desired him to mention it to me and was glad to have me notice it because they did not calculate to put anything too high & would sell as low as could be had at any other store - from 0/0 it was reduced to 0/6 pr doz. Called at Dr Swift's old office now occupied by H.Waters as a joiners shop, from which was accompanied home by Norman Norton & H.Debar who supped with me - they had attended a shooting match, they being with H.Waters owners of the turkies the last of which was taken this P.M. in Dr Swift's meadow. Those gentlemen settled their match accounts here this evening at which O W Daniels assisted them. O.W.Daniels came down on horse back to see us respecting what is mentioned on the 15th - he met me down between the little orch'd & litt. meadow - agreed to come & thresh for us. I found this evening that under the same date in the handwriting of Swift's clerk amounting to '75", and directly under this, follows the list inserted by Blackmer's cl'k, so that he was not quite as blamable as at first I took him to be - find myself as much out of the way as anybody. The whole sum now against O.W.Daniels was \$2.63". Failed greatly in attempting to read Hodgson to father & mother - overpowered by sleep. Had a short conversation with Judge Fay as I was coming home - shook hands with him as he stood in his piazza - knew me, but was not what he formerly used to be

SUNDAY, DEC'R 19 Cldy - wind N. - ground soft & spongy - chilly. J.Martindale Devoted most of the day to writing marginal entries O W Daniels in this volume. J.Martindale visited us. O.W.Daniels came prepared to work for us. This eve'g Jonathan & Catherine paid us a real friendly little visit. J.informed us of some interesting facts respecting some curious persons who were mechanics in Algiers - worth laying up. Honesty has been said to be the best policy - I believe the maxim - and those who have tried to get forward without it must one day or other be sensible of the truth of it.







Dec'r 1824 O.W.D. MONDAY, DEC'R 20 Mud frozen up dry - calm & cldy. Early prepared th barn for O.W.Daniels threshing wheat, more than 100 shieves of which he executed by the end of the day - Laid up, high & dry the rain-water cistern - cleared the joiners bench - piled boards - boiled cattle's hoof's for the oil - water was bro't for the ladies to wash with from the brook - a latch was affixed to the new orch'd gate - O.W.D's straw packed in the horse stable chamber &c &c. Mr Kent bo't on cr a spruce board containing 14 sq feet for ten cents. Sold to A.B. & C. three pints brandy & rec'd 17 cents - also on J.House's order to J.Rog's pr T.C.Parsons 1 gallon do. Henry, in the morning, gallanted in the little wagg. Mrs Waters Rogers & young Miss Austin - daughter of John A. & the sister of Mrs Carpenter. P.M. he fired at mark, played fidd. &c. Dama undettook making a loose coat for Clarissa Stone; abou sunset took H.Degar's gun, fired, & nearly hit the mark dist't 10 rods

J.Rog.  
H.Debar  
C.Rog.  
Dama  
Harwood.  
C.Stone.

TUESDAY, DEC'R 21 Chilly & calm, cldy from N. Many small notions wer attended to - some wood split up, timber cut for sled shoes, sheep driven off rye &c. O.W.Thrashed wheat. H.Debar sawed wood for Hummiston by the job. An Irishman from Quebec (din) took breakfast here this morning - said his name was Scott - he spoke i it "Scoat" - his parents he told us lived near the Shaker Village in Lebanon, N.Y. - wanted to get work, but we had none for him. Mr Brown sent over by Tho's Kent to get brandy with 9 cents in his hand with a request that I would pay 2 cents in change toward 0/9 paid for 1/2 bhl potatoes - gave the boy 2 cents with a verbal message to friend B. that I would sell him no more brandy till he paid what he woud me for that article. In the eve'g he came over & paid us 25" for two quarts brandy delivered some time early in Oct. last. Some plain words were exchanged - nothing very rough, ended the interview. J.Rogers informed me tha that he had just paid his Minister tax. Abraham Brown on the 8th of March last settled with us & gave a due-bill for \$3.50. On the

H.Debar  
Irishman  
Scott.  
  
Abr'am  
Brown.  
  
J.Rog's  
A.Brown

Dec'r 1824 9th of July we rec'd towards it a days labor pr B.Ayres & the boy Elish Searles, valued the labor of the two at 63". On the 24th of Aug. O.W. Daniels on our account worked fror Brown as mentioned p.607 leaving due us at this time (Oren's work being valued at the rate of 50" per day) three dollars and twelve cents, which he desired us to receive in drawing wood - we did not agree to that, but offered to take it in anything, or any kind of labor that we needed. Counted specie this eve'g & found the amount to be \$2.36" - afterwards exchanged \$1. with J.Rog. for bank paper of like value - Besides ten dollars laid apart for S. Waters had in hand about \$3.36"

Cash.

WEDNESDAY, DEC'R 22 Cloudy, very chilly, grew cold all day - wind fee fresh from N.W. - snowed round snow in the morn- ing & in the eve'g - the ox sled was shod - a strap of hoop iron was rivited on to the bottom of the new north yard gate to support one end of the bottom slat. O.W.D. followed his threshing regularly. I read Hodgson this eve'g. H.Debar pursued the usual round of pleasures, except firing, accompanied his friend J.Rogers to Algiers at night in the 1 h. wagg. - his fiddle was used this evening by young Sibley. Neigh- J M Spender exchanged money with me - gave me a three dollars bill on Farmer's Bank, Troy, dated Feb'y 14th 1823 - No.4920 -for which I paid him a two dollar Windsor bank note, ragged, did not examine date nor number - rec'd it last eve'g from J.Rog. who but an hour or two before had it of Uel Hicks - the remainder I paid in specie - J.Rog's rec'd pr T.C.Parsons 1-1/2 gallons of brandy - paying House's order in full, it being all that was due toward Pierce's loom - pp 617-18. H.W. & J. Martindale Jr were here this night from the furnace.

Sled shod  
H.Debar  
J M Spender  
J.Mart.







THURSDAY, DEC'R 23 Keen & quite cold - cloudy - wind strong from N.-  
no such cold night as this before this season.

H.Sibley Father was too much indisposed to go out much. Hiram Sibley took break  
fast with us and after being myself shaved by H.Debar walked with him  
A.Norton to A.Norton's in Algiers at whose shop saw one of the Week's & J.Ballard  
- the latter paid me in full for

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Dec'r 1824 2 hides \$6.71" Mr N. not being at leisure to look over acc'ts left  
Ballard there just as Bisbee was passing with his l. h.wagg  
cash. laden with stuff for the furnace - seated myself by his side thinking I  
Bisbee. would visit that grand establishment, but altered my mind when arrived  
J.Norton at Squires' store - marched to uncle Jo Norton's and there made settle-  
& Son. ment with him & his son Charles, whose charges since Jan'y 10 1823  
amt'd to \$8.74" - mine \$6.76 - leaving due them \$1.98" which I endorsed  
on the note which I hold against them. Mrs Street was there & first  
Martin informed me of the arrival of Martin Scott from the Army after an ab-  
Scott. sence of more than six years. This settlement took place in the kitchen  
Capt Hill with Capt Hill's, but said nothing to him on the subject, as he was ex-  
tremely busy at spinning rope in spite of the weather - occasionally  
scolding the boy, who turned the wheel, most rigidly. Walked to Dr  
Swift's - left account book there - visited the hill - entered the court  
chamber - viewed the court, but nothing interesting was going on - came  
down stairs - visited D.Clark's bookstore - looked at maps - got the  
Vt Reg'r newspaper - bo't a Vermont Register for 1825 on credit, marched for  
home, not forgetting the book at Dr S's - took care of affairs at the  
Presi't barn & in the evening read President Monroe's Last Message to Congress  
Message. - pretty good but lengthy. Henry Debar this morning sold his violin  
H.Debar to H. Sibley for \$2. cash and a valuable watch seal - Henry also rec'd  
cash. from me ten dollars in money with an understanding that it should be  
returned with interest on the first of March 1825 - with it he paid B.  
Loomis \$10 which he had borrowed not long since.

FRIDAY, DEC'r 24 A heavy cold S.wind blew all day - quite cloudy -  
Threshing We threshed 120 sheaves good sp'g wheat. H.Debar  
H.Debar in sly style this m'g took O.W.Daniels with him to work at sawing &  
Mrs otherwise working at wood for Hummiston. Mrs Crawford by the hand of  
Crawford her son Isasc rec'd on acc't 5 qts cid. brandy & 5 lbs cheese - the  
former 62", the latter 25".

SATURDAY, DEC'R 25

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Wheat. Calm & mild, cldy, slight w'd from N. We winnowed &  
bro't into the house about 28 bbls sp'g wheat of  
O W Dan's which by calculation it was found that O.W.Daniels had threshed 21 bhl  
& 3 qts pecks - he atood indebted to us 1 day's labor at least towards  
cleaning it up. Daniels with his brethren, Sylvanus & Andrews perform  
H.Debar. ed jobs at sawing & chopping wood for Henry at Hummiston's & for T.C.  
J Rog's Parsons. H.Debar attended an important shooting match in Algiers.  
J.Rogers gallanted his wife & children to his father Godfeey's, to cele  
brate Christmas. Eatly in the evening started with 32 lbs butter in 2  
D.Clark pails for D.Clark's - overtook or rather was overtaken by C.Brown who  
C.Brown. kindly eased me of a part of my burden till arrived at C's store. I  
then took charge of the whole, safely delivering it to Mrs C. making in  
all about 100 lbs - Visited Dewey's bar-room a few moments - Norman  
N.Edger- Edgerton, Druggist, and another young man were conversing very lively  
ton. with E.D.Waters, the bar-keeper - the former had attended lately a reli  
See p.696 gious conference in Shaftsbury - related ver-batim what he heard a







young convert named Dutcher sat in a short address to his young friends abruptly terminated by a hard "And" when he took his seat. Took Hodgson J. Martin. again out of the library & in company with J. Martindale came home. Charles had reached here first - H.W. soon followed - these last slept Bargain with us, but Justin visited his friend N. Norton. Read Hodgson some, but having been up late the preceding night had to quit him - The bargain for young Daniels was for threshing & cleaning 10 bbls \$1.00 Death of D. Haynes Died early this morning Mr David Haynes, son of D. Haynes, late of Bennington deceased. That uncomfortable looking old bachelor Josiah Crawford came this day hunting for sheep belonging to his employer Green Willard Green Sen'r who is a widower of long standing, whose head the frosts of not much less than 90 winters have rendered very colorless, and whose teeth the shock of time has long since almost totally destroyed. Six good (ones) sheep were found among ours and driven away by the former. It was so mild at night that we suffered our cows to lodge in the old orchard. Our corn-stalks were now all consumed, a few bundles excepted.

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Dec'r 1824 SUNDAY, DEC'R 26 Calm & cloudy - appeared likely for a storm - many prayed for snow - the ground being at this time extremely dry & hard frozen at the surface. My grand employment was copying the whole of Dr Swift's store acc't against us from May 18th up to the present time which including as I have calculated \$26. borrowed money, amounted to \$113.48, errors excepted, - the borrowed cash, if I have made no capital blunder, was all returned - our credit, that being reckoned, was no higher, \$70.01 - leaving us in rear \$43.47" Past 9 in the eve'g when I finished this laborious task. J. Martindale arrived from his brother's P.M. O.W. Daniels soon followed him. Charles Brown attended meeting with father & Lydia - the funeral of Mr Haynes being solemnized P.M., they left and came home - tow'd evening friend Brown Teeth ached departed to his District. Diadema suffered immensely from tooth-ache B. Loomis In the evening, Bliss Loomis, J. Mart. & N. Norton very highly entertained themselves telling blue stories, or such as sounded like it - it pleased me to see them so happy - Henry was not of the party - came home soon after their exit. Miss Hannah Haynes, a maiden lady of some celebrity in her neighborhood was this day cast out of our Congregational Church for slandering our good Pastor & family, & for other enumerated reasons which I do not understand well enough to insert here. J. Rog. J. Rog. & family, except his sister Clarissa, who did not go down with them, arrived from Algiers P.M. in good spirits.

MONDAY, DEC'R 27 Very mild morning & warm day with a light breeze from the S. afterwards wind came fairly from SE - early in the eve'g wind freshened much from that quarter - rained on low gr'ds - snowed slightly on the mountains, cold strengthened fast. It was thawed up soft generally - so warm had been the weather during the this short December day. Father in his 1 h. wagg. rode to Hoosick Falls

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Dec'r 1824 in order to gallant cousin Annis Stone home with him - but on his arrival there found she had retired to Troy with her friend Mrs Moseley. Hoosick Falls. Two funerals were attended at the Falls, that of Mr Davis, the father of G.R. the celebrated Lawyer, & J.T. of Troy whom I carried once from Annis Stone. Wadsworth's to that pleasant city, p.608 - and that of a lady named Wright. He arrived from H.F. after dark. With O.W.D. threshed about Mr Davis. 350 sheaves oats. Did not stable the cows. Enjoyed a pleasant eve'g O.W.D. visit at Capt. Norton's - went mainly to see & converse with his eldest daughter Mrs B., who having lately rec'd a letter from her husband







that his health was bad, was calculating soon to return to her home at Woodville, Pa. Capt N's himself was so entertaining on Thatcher's Journal & other matters alluding to Revolutionary events that I said less with friend Clarissa than I should if it had been otherwise - at the same time I must acknowledge great barrenness in that respect even if my opportunity had been ever so good. She promised me a reply if I would write her - to which of course I assented. It was 10 o'clock just as I started for home - Played some on the flute - About 9 Luman arrived with his siter Lydia from Singing school in Algiers. Laura was in town, but could not leave her mother-in-law, who was very ill - Mrs Blackmer was present all the evening - Norman was preparing in the lower kitchen a work bench for the more convenient continuance of his gunstocking business. Lydia Harw'd was the only person at home but that was gone to bed, Debar excepted, who this day began working at Edger-ton's during the week - threshing being his employment. Dama down with teeth ache.

Dama's  
teeth.

TUESDAY, DEC'R 28 Dry sharp air, flying clds, w. N. - rough roads.

Oats. Assisted at threshing the remnant of our oats - winnowed & measured the whole - 18 bhls. We think from a little over 4 acres we obtained but about 50 bhls said grain. Saw & talked some with Dr Swift who came to visit mother & Dama - complained of having been woefully cheated in swapping horses with a widow & her sons in Shaftsbury. P.M. travelled

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Dec'r 1824 to the S. - met friend L. Norton near the old distillery returning from a frolic at dogging Aunt Eunice's flock off the Atwood meadow. Informed me that Dr Percy lost his ox at the 27th shot - distance 80 rods - price pr shot \$1. - We then alluded to the thriving farmers in Mr Atwood's neighborhood, James Percey being one of them, who this year carried to market 16 fat hogs that averaged 400 lbs a piece. John Jr being on his way after a load of wood invited me to ride with him - gladly accepted of the invitation, not so much on account of being transported as the enjoyment of good company, we discoursed about many familiar topics, some distant & some near personages - N. Judd being among the former - dismounted where the roads past near the dwelling of H. Dimmick S. Palmer - he turning to the left while I marched forward to Capt Dimmick's. Mr House, who had been to solicit friend Dimmick (Hotace) to butcher hogs for him - rode away just after my arrival. D. & his lady entertained me agreeably while there - the former being about to broach a hhd of cider, at my request admitted me into the cellar which was spacious & well stored with "the good things of this world". Talked of a great many things, but not so profusely as to make me forget my business Boards. entirely - agreed for a load of boards eithin a few days - he was to accompany me to the mill to select them - talked of boards for fence next season - how they should be sawed - for caps & battings it was agreed that the length out to be 13-1/2 feet - width 4-1/2 inches - 1-1/4 inch thick. They promises to visit us on Saturday next - Mr D. provided me a good supper & about sun-set came away - crossed the swamp S. Loomis E. of B. Green's barn - met & complimented Mr House's - rode in S. Loomis' waggon from below uncle Elisha's to the Dr Fay bars - L. seemed to be waiting upon 2 ladies, his daughters I suppose into town. After getting home they informed me of Lieut Scott having been here attended by his dogs. Read Hodgson with tolerable interest/ O.W.D. P.M., threshed rye by the bhl.

Lieut  
Scott.  
O.W.D.







Dec'r 1824 H. Debar slept here the present night - prepared an ointment for a lame colt of Dr Swift's, and went to his threshing for Edgerton.

WEDNESDAY, DEC'R 29 For and mild for the season - there being occasionally chilling blasts or almost imperceptible puffs from the N. We repaired the big gates at the entrances of the S. & N. barnyards with rivets, large & small nails &c. - planted a post, ground an axe & attended to other concerns. O.W. Daniels steadily pursued his threshing. J. Rogers finding his cow ailing undertook to doctor her a little - gave her a few soot dumplings, but not feeling satisfied rode to town to obtain the assistance of Dr Sam. - which in the evening was faithfully & religiously tendered - Rogers learned while in Town that Mr Bisbee in settling with F. Blackmer had found what he considered a mistake or blunder on his part concerning the payment of \$2.00 (to Bisbee), which he had till now supposed he left with B. Blackmer, but according to whose book it was but \$1.38 - To make a long story short - after his return, by reference to my Journal under date of March 9 1814 every circumstance was brought fresh to his memory - the part of the \$2 for which he could not account - 62-1/2" - was paid to me for Bisbee - it being the last & final payment on his note to me for pork &c. The result was that a few simple facts in this book set everything right.

Hodgson. Enjoyed very well the pages of Hodgson, notwithstanding interruption from necessarily attending the humane calls of Dr Sam. while acting in his professional capacity for our friend Rogers - and besides having a notion that our tourist (altho' as an Englishman nobly liberal in his opinions tow'd our country, yet I looked upon him as far below his task), failed vastly for want of that curious descriptive faculty which ought to guide the pen of the accurate traveller. H.W. & J. Martindale came over from the furnace and slept here - also Dr Sam, H. Debar & his friend Hiram Sibley. Mrs Parsons' little infant was considered as approaching its dissolution - my fair partner was called to attend there.

Dimmick girl. Dama worked for Mrs Dimmicks Elvira - making a loose coat - assisted by the young lady herself.

THURSDAY,

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Dec'r 1824 SATURDAY, DEC'R 30 Fine & mild with a few flying clds, but little wind & that from N. The evening unusually fine enlivened by a bright young moon. After assisting Dr Sam in some of his doings with Jonathan's cow, which however seemed not to avail much, we reconnoitered the wood lot, which yealed but a lean prospect, chopped up the limby parts of two butternut trees that had been felled for post timber last season & returned to the house before the sun had hid himself behind Mt Anthony - Omitted stabling our cattle with the exception of the Charles Brown cow - It was so mild that we looked upon it unnecessary to house them - O.W.D. Threshed rye all day. H. Debar supped with us & interested himself some in a little trade which we executed with a pedlar of wooded measures & dishes - we bo't of him a dipper for 16-1/2" wash - making a discount of 1/3d for money. J. Rogers proposed to sell him a fur cap, but I believe did not succeed. I would add to Edgerton what is said on the 25th respecting my bar-room adventure, that M.S. Norton came in & was followed by a person I took to be his brother Nathaniel William. The former proposed to "The Drugg" that on a certain day near at hand they would go, accompanied by J. Loomis, Jun'r & others, to a Ball in Wilmington. Our Druggist appeared to be uninformed of the affair & after replying it would interfere with other engagements, asked Martin why he did not give him notice of these matters &c. Finished Mr Hodgson on his missionary visit among the Southern Indians - liked him tolerably.







FRIDAY, DEC'R 31 Quite mild & cloudy - wind mostly N., rained a little about sunset. Nineteen bbls & 3 pecks rye which O. W. Daniels had threshed since the P.M. of the 28th - we winnowed with the mill & measured up - of which carried 4-1/2 to Dewey's grist mill with the bullocks in the gr't wagg. - crossed over by Mr Green's in whose lots saw a stranger, apparently viewing the farm - this was confirmed to me by his coming to me near the barn - making inquiry respecting it &c & informing me

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Dec'r 1824 that he was the son of the old gentleman, who was now about 86. I did not undertake to give my opinion as to the situation of his affairs - as to his fences he could see as well as I - and if a man were to purchase it, must have enough before hand to fence it well - the farm I called naturally good. This gentleman we supposed must have been Wheeler Green. In the road W. of Capt Hills' saw H. Dimmick riding with Doc. Merchant of Pownal - some notice was taken of the off stag. The Deac. said such would not do for him to drive where he was going, better to wear them out on the farm. Friend Bisbee overtook me before arriving at the bridge across the neck of D's pond - drove past in his 1 h.wag. - visited the mill as I did & appeared as if he wished to impart some thing to me - but of this I am very far from positive. Usual topics were treated upon with freedom. Having for the present disposed of my luggage entered the road and came to the foot of meeting house hill with Dex. Faxon on a high load of pine wood in front - left him in the rear & after gaining the summit drove over to Dr S's store where I saw E. Carpenter & passed usual compliments with E. Carpenter & G. House. Friday meeting had not dispersed till after I had been in the street perhaps half an hour - Dr S. being going to Troy, deferred settling till he could give his personal attention - The interior of the store I did not trouble - drove to Hall's office - there in a softly way, if I know how that is, let them know I wanted money, which they promised to hand over ere long. T.Hills informed me that the full amount of father's taxes was \$11.50 - mine for poll to \$1.10 - Reached home before dark - assisted at foddering the cattle, which were disposed of as on the 30 - Read Hodgson on Slavery &c. - good - Damia was almost dead with her old teeth-ache - J.Rog. could not milk his cow yet. Henry & O.W.D. visited the furnace - the former exchanged his gun for J.Martindale's watch, which he swapped off for another before he got home - Annis Parsons H.& A. staid here all night - Harry & Andrew Parsons

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JAN'Y 1825 Mr Scott's son came to get butter which it was understood that we should have paid many days ago - felt some ashamed of not being nearer to the mark - sent the boy back empty with good promises & excuses. Capt H. H.Hall's removal Noble Dimmick came to wait upon his sister Malvina here to try off her loose coat not yet finished.

SATURDAY, JAN'Y 1 1825 The mildness of the weather astonished every one - cloudy all day - In the evening early it commenced snowing fine from N.W. with increasing cold - Not suspecting what the weather would be, suffered our cows to lie out. Father performed some chopping in the woods - took a further view & discovered more trees suitable for fuel. I prepared a set of bars for the N.horse stable - received the company of N.Robinson and young Edwin - J.Rog's cow on the stone boat as far as the little hill against Clark's







P.Vosburghorchard for the purpose of having her examined by Mr Peter Vosburgg - the limits of the jail yard not permitting him to come farther this way He pronounced her a dead cow, and indeed his prediction in a short time was verified. The carcass being opened for inspection, it was found that her heart & liver were affected to a shocking degree. Quite a loss to our good friend, but he saved the hide, 45 lbs, which he sold to Ballard at 5" & besides a few lbs of tallow & expense of keeping.

Bull driven. Late P.M. started with cousin Edwin to drive the 2 yr old brindle minister down to his fathers to be kept during the remainder of the season - for which we offered to keep a heifer of like age, but this was not required, Dr Sam saying that if he should fail for keeping, he would bring on his stock. Beyond W.Haswell's left my charge to Mr Jo. Knapp who J.Knapp. overtook us & was on his way to Hinsdill's Factory, kindly offering to assist the boy in my stead. Visited Clark's Library - returned Hodgson Thatchers took out Thatcher's Journal. Agreed with Mr Sam Wadsworth to carry 7 Journal lbs butter to S.Scott's - to whose lady wrote

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Jan'y 1825 wrote a billet specifying the quantity - asking to be excused for failure of promise & directing her to send the pail back to Dr Swift's store

Mrs Scott Talked with Col Merrill respecting money, had taken one of the late session of the County Court - expected to get some at S.Court term. At Col Mer'l Clark's saw uncle Gulliver highly enraged at David Henry for having advised his son in Hoosick to do an improper act respecting a horse, the property of Freeborn Childs, which had been seized there as the property of W. Brecy by the creditors of the latter. While the thing was undecided, Henry told Hector G. to mount and ride the animal to Vermont - he did so - and they afterwards advertised said Hector as a thief, since which he made off to Massachusetts. Dr Sam spoke to me to know if he could have one of our cows to keep which would give milk - replied in the affirmative - Saw & informed Dr Heman Swift that Dama wished a visit from him - he said he would attend between 8 & 9 in the eve'g - accordingly he did - lanced the gum of her upper jaw to the right of the front, causing a discharge of matter that immediately relieved her - the consequence was a good night's rest - a luxury that she had not enjoyed for more than a fortnight since. Saw Smith Montague at Dr H.Waters Swift's store - walked with H. Waters who carried in his arms a number of new augur handles that his friend Hyde had turned for him, as he Dimmick was returning to Dexter's his place of abode. At home found H.Dimmick with his lady, & A.Brown - the latter made a short tarry. Thomas Howe related many anecdotes concerning himself in such a humorous style that we could not resist the torrent of mirth to which to which it gave excitement - much was said about his buying the mare called "Nancy" - & after a most entertaining little visit at the close of which many fine promises were mutually exchanged relating Horace and his Little Woman, H.Debar departed for home between 8 & 9 in the eve'g, in a snow storm. Henry O.W.D. with O.W. attended shooting match in Algiers, boarded & lodged with us. Company. H. & A.Parsons slept here, likewise Annis their sister. Mr Kent, Mr Lyd.Nort.Wood, Mr Wilkinson Wickwire, N.Nort., J.Mart. & Miss Lydia Norton severally visited & went from here this evening. Sometime last week Mr A. Harmons hogs. Harmon Jr carried his 2 large hogs to the furnace, where they were weighed in the presence of many spectators, among were the principal butchers in town. I understood the heaviest weighed 696 lbs.







Jan'y 1825 SUNDAY, JAN'Y 2 The storm rsged till late in the morning quite tedious - wind strong from N.W. - this gradually lulled P.M. the sun shone out - appeared pleasant, but it was sharply cold, particularly in the evening. We endeavored to make the creatures at the barn comfortable - recorded the doings of School District No.2 for Ap'l 3 & 7th - wrote Journal - Visited friend Parsons & family in the evening - they were in good sociable mood - their babe which was born on the 15th ult., after apparently undergoing great pain, expired this morning. Mr Humphrey Jones from Attica, N.Y. arrived here this P.M. - bro't a letter from cousin Catherine, which announced good tidings from herself to mother - Mr J. reported well of them - said that our friend L.Smith had become a constable in that place - Elisha was also doing well. H.Debar, J.Mart. & O.W.Daniels spent most of this day with us. Damia wrote a reply to cousin C's letter pr Mr J.R. who goes to Manchester, New Hampshire, from which he proceeds to Canada, to Grand Isle, Vt & then home, dwelling within half a mile of our relatives in Attica. The gentleman he was about to visit at Manchester he said was the celebrated Dr Anderson - noted for the cure of cancers &c - being the parent of his wife - aged about 60. Father found the flock & bro't them home for the first time this present season for the purpose of feeding with hay - 33 if I mistake not exclusive of 2 estrays, one of which was black

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Death of  
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H.Jones  
Attica  
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Smith.  
H.Debar  
J.Mart.  
O.W.D.  
Mr Jones  
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MONDAY, JAN'Y 3d Extremely sharp & clear air all day - wind strong fr N.W. particularly about sunset - the night was cold.

Parsons  
Horns  
taken.  
T.Daniels  
H.Debar.  
O.W.D.

Mr Parsons came up to advise respecting the funeral of his infant babe this morning. When we came to unbow the cows, sawed most of their horns off - say an inch or so. Just as we had finished business at the barn Mr Daniels came up & enquired for his son O.W.- walked to the house with him & showed my account in full against him for his sons services during last Summer, with which he was apparently & I believe sincerely satisfied. O.W.D. & H.Debar dug the child's grave for Parsons.

Dec'r 1825 Mr Jones set off this morning in good spirits on his way to N.Hampshire - for this man we entertained no mean opinion - interchanged many fine promises and other words known by the general name of civilities - left with me a letter to Timothy Ruggles, Cambridge, N.Y., a nephew of the celebrated Brigadier Ruggles, Hardwicke, Mass., of whom, or one of his sons, the bearer of the letter learned the trade of a mill-wright - to be put in the Post Office here. (Next dzy executed this promise) Toward noon the cutter was fitted up for service - Mr K. assisted - he was chilly & to warm him administered a quickening potion of "O, be Joyful" - had the desired effect, and he went home. Father, having drwn a load of wood, attended with other neighbors at Mr Parsons' where they visited a good while for Mr Peters, who at last came. He read the 90th Psalm, prayed, made an appropriate exhortation from words of St James, the main object of which was to impress his hearers with a lively sense of the uncertzinty of life, the vanity & nothingness of the good things of this world &c. Closed with a prayer a prayer & a blessing, and took his departure. What followed it is perhaps needless to particularly describe - everything was conducted according to the rules of propriety as far as we could judge. Brown went to the meeting house with his cutter - mine went in the same way - Parsons & his sons returned home

Funeral

Acct's at  
Dr Swifts

in it & staid on business at Dr Swift's. We looked over accounts - found some blunders & mistakes - finished reading the articles - but the evening being some advanced, & he being sent for to visit somebody at Hinsdill's, put over the final settlement to another day. Previous to going into this dry but necessary examination of acc'ts,







Cash of Rich'd Carpenter visited the P.O. - called on friend Richard Carpenter who paid me a one dollar bill & cash enough enough to make it up to two dollars & fifty cents tow'd butter - Paid to Dr Swift this eve'g on acc't \$10. in bills Bo't 1/4 lb cinnamon, paid for it 18". Sidney McEowen & Edwin Dimmick were present & looked into various parts of this Journal while I was there. Edwin was absent at the W. part of the town. Daniel Rudd & John

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Jan'y 1825 Whiting went from the store early in the evening. Elans Greenslet staid a good while - S.Scott came in, bo't a hand-saw file - Mr Aaron Sherwood bo't green silk for one of his girls hoods - talked about his great hog & that of Mr Harmon - the latter he said was so avaricious to out do him in weight, that unfair means were resorted to - that the true weight of Harmon's was less than that of his by about 7 lbs, if I am correct. Mr S's weighed 669 at the furnace, but our friend H. did not have his weighed there - so I was incorrect at p. 669. Paid to O.W.Daniels in full this morning for labor 25 cents - toward noon he went home - H. Debar spent the day hereabouts. A list of those neighbors & friends convened at Parsons' follows - Mr Bates & lady, Capt E.Waters with his lady, and daughter Mary, Mr Ayres & lady, Mr Brown & lady, H.Harwood & lady, Mr E.Fay Jr, Mr Spencer, Mr Rogers, Mrs Mary H/Buck with her child Nancy from from Pown'l, Mrs Pratt her sister & Miss L.Harwood.

TUESDAY, JAN'Y 4 Fair, tolerably vold morning - moderate P.M., fine moon-light evening. We were under preparation for visiting the woods when Capt A.Dimmick rode up requesting to look at the mare which his son wanted to purchase - he was invited into the house where we conversed with & treated him with brandy - I bro't out the mare - he viewed & appeared satisfied with her - thought the price (50D\$)s pretty high, but if his son saw fit to buy her, he was willing - ret'd into the house to warm & then rode away. P.M. went to mill with the oxen - got small grists for Rogers & Parsons at Saffords - viewed the new shingle machine - it was not in operation. Came to Dewey's and took on what was carried there on Friday - Saw Capt. Jed - requested him to examine his roll to see if I was returned equipped according to law (See p. 685)

## 703

Jan'y 1825 The roll for June 1824 not being found - left & drove on to Hicks' long shed where I prepared to leave my team, but Mr Kent coming along at the mom't got him to see them safe home. Carried the ring chain to Col Norton's with a request to have it mended with the addition of a new link on J.Roger's account, as it was broken in his service. My errand was delivered to D. Love & young Mart. Visited P.O. - took out 2 letters to father - the one from my old uncle Asa, dated Sempronious, N.Y.Dec'r 1st., 1824 informing of the death of his only son John on the 27 Nov. occasioned by a disease they called Dropsical Consumption - survivors of the family were in usual health - their daughter Sally in Ohio had lost a child 18 months old last spring. The other letter dated Troy, N.Y.Dec'r 13, without the year, in real girl style, was from cousin Annis who was at her friend Moseley's, whose lady had formerly been very intimate with her, was now very kind to her, but it appeared that as her health was pretty poor, she felt uneasy and wanted to get out to Bennington. Viewed Carey's Atlas - saw D.Robinson, Col Merrill, A.J. Haswell and others - they talked encouraging about having a canal from this place to Troy. David spoke highly of their proceedings at the furnace - said that more business was going on there thzn in all the other parts of the town - he took the greater satisfaction in making these remarks on account of Capr H. having ~~last~~ last winter strongly opposed the encouragement of manufactures. Left the P.D. & came to







Settle'mt Dr S's store, bo't 6" worth cloves & paid the same - also paid the P.Mast at Chand- er 25" for those letters - Called at Mr Chandler's - had a very good se lers. settlement with his son whose acc't was \$4.27", mine \$2.85", due him \$1.42" - he filled a blank with that sum, which I signed, but in tearin it apart from his other blanks lost some part of the signature & as I had paid 42" cash & verbally agreed to pay 2 galls brandy - gave up the note to me.

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Jan'y H.Debar having once more taken possession of his fidd. made music for h  
1825 himself & J.Rog - P.M. they rode in cutter to the furnace. This evenin  
I laid down Thatcher's Journal to play the fidd. H.Waters & J.Mart.  
H.W. lodged here.

WEDNESDAY, JAN'Y 5 Cloudy & some thawy, wd N. some part of the day, but  
Wood mainly S. We drew 1 load butternut wood - cut & sa  
sawed a part of it. Sold the mare Nancy to Horace Dimmick who gave his  
H.Dimmick note for fifty dollars payable in hemlock boards by the first of Novem  
horse ber next ensuing, to which is attached a kind of agreement specifying  
trade. that some part of sd sum was to be paid in pine boards or plank at my  
option - four thousand feet were to be sawed suitable for board fence.  
Friend Dimmick verbally agreed to pay J.Hicks Jr for the use of his stud  
which my father said according to agreement was to be \$4.00. He thought  
he should get his stuff nearly all ready for us by the first of June -  
he said his father was going to own one half of said mare. We deliv-  
ered her sound with a slight exception of a gall on her breast - she wa  
was foaled in June 1812 - her dam was the Doty mare which died in our  
possession, March 1822 - p.199 - we sent her to Judson's in Arlington  
2 or 3 weeks in 1811 - which accounts for the origin of the beast we th  
this day disposed of. Closee the bargain in the S. front room - the la  
H.Debar dies opposed, in a degree, this measure. H.Debar pleased himself with  
his violin & gun - shot at a hawk that had carried off a chicken, but  
Parsons failed - the chick's body only he obtained. Parsons visited us this  
evening - his lady went to Hoosick along with his nephew Chatfield who  
Mothers conveyed there Henry & Andrew. This brother that had lost his little  
birth day daughter 7 months old - died on the 4th inst. Mother was this day 59  
years old.

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Jan'y THURSDAY, JAN 6 Snowed in the morning, cloudy, became cold at night.  
1825 Read Congress News this morning, the most important  
La of which was the grant of a township of land & two hundred thousand dol  
Fayette. lars U.S.stock to gen. LaFayette to remunerate him for services & sacri  
fices in Our Revolutionary War. I wish this had been voted unanimously  
it would certainly have cost no more, and as it was a most extraordinary  
case, the circumstances of which were of a peculiar nature I can see  
no reason for withholding s'd compensation - every great argument is  
for it. We threshed 120 sheaves spring wheat - In the evening rwd  
Thatcher Thatcher on the campaigns of 1776-1777, up to the period of Bennington  
H.Debar Battles. Henry amused himself in the usual way. Jonathan entertained  
Peddler an essence peddler with whom he & Debar traded to some amount. Mrs Ken  
Kent visited & talked loud to our ladies. There was talk of Mr Peters'  
buying V.D.Speigles' stand.

FRIDAY, JAN'Y 7 Fair & very cold morning - curdly clds. & keen air  
all day - fine moonlight night, wind S.W. Bo't a  
Utica Almanack for 1825 of the pedlar, price 6"-pd. We threshed 180  
J.Rogers sheaves wheat. J.Rogers' customers failing him for wood he borrowed  
Bates butternut of us for the present - Mr Bates told us this morn'g that he







Parsons was going to Capt. Norton's where there was to be asttlement of account with Abraham Brown - He calculated to pay us ere long. Parsons visited here this eve'g - bro't up the Troy Sentinel in which there were some good things. H.Debar visited the west part of the town. H.W. paid his humble compliments to us this evening.

THURSDAY, JAN'Y 8 It stormed furiously from S.E. at first it snowed - gradually grew warmer & finally ended in rain, but not so as to carry off the snow, for the wind got round to N.W. before morning. Thatcher threshed 182 sheaves wheat - Read Thatcher on Burgoyne's Campaign, 1777, at night. J.Rog. drew a ld of wood for himself. H.Debar swapped away his fidd, cap & watch with Mr Sterrin for a violin unglued & partly unstrung. Stovepipe cleared this evening.

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Jan'y 1825 SUNDAY, JAN'Y 9 Mild in the morning, but grew cold all day, wind N. W. - some cloudy, but mostly clear if I recollect rightly. Father's health was poor - I performed business principally at the barn - wrote about 1 page & perused Thatcher's Journal respecting Wymming &c. J.Mart. spent most of the day here - Damia caught a numerous quantity of vermin about his head with a fine tooth comb that he had bo't of H.Debar. B.Loomis & H.Norton were our guests this eve'g the former was observed to be unusually lively & gay in conversation. Mr Kinsley our schoolmaster commenced boarding with us at night - presented the compliments of Lieut Scott with the promise of a visit from him someday this week. J.Rog., J.Mart. & H.Deb. consulted together a little on a ride to Troy - they called it good sleighing to that City. Mrs Parsons arrived from Hoosick.

MONDAY, JAN'Y 10 Substantially cold this morning - fair - mild P.M. cold evening - wind N.W. in some parts of the day, but mainly S.W. Finished threshing wheat, of which there was at this juncture about 662 sheaves - ran the most of it through the fanning mill after sunset - while thus engaged O.W.Daniels & his butcher-just brother just called in to ask how we did &c - went away again. H.Debar this day entered the service of L. & J.Norton at 8 dollars pr month - perhaps I am only authorized to mention the name of L.Norton in this business, he being the man that employs him on his own account. Thatcher Continued reading Thatcher who relates many interesting particulars of gen. Washington & others of those days - maneuvers of the army &c. J.Rog's J.Rog. this eve'g spoke to me about posting books for him so as to enable him to settle with his customers - spoke of removing to Troy &c

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Jan'y 1825 TUESDAY, JAN'Y 11 Fine & fair - warm & pleasant, wd S.W. Some time this A.M. Capt Martin Scott came to the barn where we were employed in fanning with the mill spring wheat. He politely made many little observations respecting the situation of our farm buildings, their proximity to the mountain - remembered that the young pines appeared to have increased during his absence - also that the houses about the neighborhood appeared to be much less distnt from each other than formerly - a sensation caused by his being so long used to our western wilds. Capt. S. waited upon his brother Samuel's lady here - left her till towards evening when he again appeared attended by his faithful pointer & grey h'd. - supped & conveyed home the lady in a cutter. Noble Dimmick who last evening hiered out cutter to go to Mr Bushnell's to attend Hiram B's 2nd day wedding, Miss Laura Harvey being the bride, returned with it this morning, bringing with him his 2d day wedsister Malvina, whose loose coat Dama had now compleated.







Our friend Noble informed us that one of the cutter shoes was broken while in his service - for which he paid 50 cents - use inclusive. L.Chandler & Son Paid to Calvin Norton, or more properly to L.Chandler & Son 2 gallons cid. brandy, by the hand of sd Norton boys, being pay in full. Parsons Friend Parsons appeared to be extremely hoarse by reason of a bad cold. Kent. Mr Kent informed us this fine morning of his intention of visiting Johnson Potter of Pownal to solicit pay for recent services. In the evening perused Thatcher concerning the treachery of Arnold & the melancholy fate of the gallant Andre. Kinsley here again. H.Debar came up from friend Luman's & played on his late purchased fiddle which tho' only half in order we argued well of it.

## 708

Jan'y 1825 WEDNESDAY, JAN'Y 12 Very fair, warm - & pleasant - With about 14-1/4 bh wheat, our load being crowned with the running part of our Parsons' cutter started with bullocks attached to the big wood sleigh for Safford's Mill, called at F.Blackmer's on business - Saw G. Blackmer House, Sept Walbridge & J.Brooks - the last an being told I was going to mill, directed me to Steb. Walbridges' as they had the day before done well by him - were provided with a new smut machine, their mill being otherwise in good order. Liked the proposition - sent my cutter to Algiers by young Sept Walbridge & went on - saw friend E. Montague at uncle Sam's - exchanged the usual civilities - saw & spoke with Montague cousin Polly, arrived at the mill ab't 1 o'clock P.M. While Mr Story was officiating for me, marched on foot to Mr Hinsdill's - viewed a multitude of machinery, particularly that for turning iron gudgeons &c cloth done there. Demas Robinson appeared to be a gazer as well as myself. A young man Stebb W. Jr which returned to the mill, calling by the way & getting the Gazette at Mr S's, in which read while waiting for my grist. Mr Walbridge & his people, including Mr Ruttenbur appeared very attentive to the paper making business - Young Stebbins came to see how the new Smut Mill operated, this being the 2nd day since it was set in motion - he was pleased with it. He informed me how successful he had been the season past in growing sp'g wheat - harvested about 40 bbls from 2-1/2 sowing, soaked the seed 24 or 48 hours in strong lime water - rolled it in lime, then sowed it, the gr'd was well harrowed down, manured previously with chip manure, after sowing well rolled with a heavy roller & 2 tierces of slacked lime sown ended the process - had very clean nice grain.

## 709

Jan'y 1825 A little before dark Mr Story dismissed me with my grist honorably ground - my oxen travelled lightly for home - Mr Stevens got onto my sleigh and Mr Sterns and accompanied me a short distance from the Haynes' corner - left me this side Capt Nichals' - being in haste he said to attend singing school - intended soon to remove from Algiers to Hinsdills - in the former place had resided ever since the spring of 1813. On Court House Col Mer'1 hill at Col. Merrill's called & rec'd a butter pail in which by the hand of Calvin Norton I sent to the Col's lady 9 lbs butter at 0/9 on short credit on the 11th inst. Got the newspaper at Clark's where I Sept. Robinson was saluted by my friend Sept Robinson in his friendly way, asked what news I found - answered that I had but little time to search for news, was more occupied with old affairs, mentioning Thatcher's Journal as proof of it. At Dr Swift's paid on account & took for the same of his Cash pd son Edward H. a receipt, the sum of ten dollars, which received from Dr Swift Capt. H. Hall as I was standing just without Col Norton's horse shed Cash rec attached to his shop - to be applied on what was due me for pork & H.Hall cheese. Before leaving the store bo't & paid for 1 lb bohea 44" - 1/2







do hyson sk-tea 46" & 8" worth Am shaving soap. The ten dollars payment was in bills - Saw Mr Jones from the W. part of the town, likewise Black Bill from the E. From Frank's bro't home 2 qts molasses & some trifling articles amounting to thirty cents for J.Rogers, put to my account but to be paid by him to me soon - and it was done on the 15th in the eve'g. At home J. Mart. assisted at unloading the precious grist & we passed the remainder of the evening Thatcher

THURSDAY, JAN'Y 13 Very pleas't & tolerably warm, with a faint breeze from the S. Some few clouds skirted the mountains E. & S.E. of us. On the Tracy rye field, this fine morning we sowed we clover seed in the chaff. Returned with oxen & sleigh to the house not far from noon - sold 4-1/2 lbs butter to L.Norton the son of A. Norton - rec'd pay 53" - with the bul

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Jan'y 1825 Mrs Parsons. Mr. do Thatcher N.Rob. locks and sleigh, taking in little Adeline & H.Hopkins drove to Parsons - waited upon his lady to this house -, she paid us a pleas't P.M. visit Mr P. came up & supped here. In the same polite manner above described conveyed sd lady home, Hopkins' enjoying a 2d ride. Besides the business just now mentioned we threshed 96 sheaves rye. We traced Thatcher through his Journal from the summer of 1781 to a period subsequent to the taking of the imperials & haughty Cornwallis, very many curious particulars respecting that & other occurrences are related by the author - we seem to get a closer view of the grand scenery than in the works of the professional historians. His account of executions, celebrations, field reviews, grand balls, dinners &c. is to me very acceptable. N.Robinson called her a mom't this evening - promising to wait upon some ladies on a visit to this house soon.

FRIDAY, JAN'Y 14 Rainy - high wind from S.W. - thawy. Two hundred sheaves rye we threshed. In the evening finished reading the Militry Jour'l of Thatcher - Jan 1st 1783 - commenced the story of the attempt of John Champe to kidnap the Traitor Arnold - I was too drowsy to go through it - finished it next evening & found the adventure a most interesting & curious one. This J.Champe belonged to Major, afterwards Lieut Col Lee's corps of cavalry - was employed by gen. Washington on this hazardous business in which in all probability he would have succeeded had Arnold continued to quarter at that particular part of the City in which the scheme was laid to seize him. J.Rog. borrowed of me \$1.62" in order to pay Johnson Potter for a hide which he bo't of him - After his departure discovered a mistake in the transaction - had paid 67 cents too much - rode to town - found him there & made it right. We pronounced our hay at this time very good. H.W. & J.Mart came out from the furnace & staid all night.

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SATURDAY, JAN'Y 15 Thick fog enveloped us about all day - still & mild Two hundred sheaves more of rye was thrashed. Mr Bates came to see us - talked encouraging respecting what was due us - we talked about hiring his son William half a month at chopping when we should get up our wood pile - He bo't on credit 1 qt brandy - lent him a bottle to carry it in - it lacked a little of containing the quart. J.Rog. after his return from Algiers where he failed of getting the mare shod, nor did he obtain a calf skin at Ballard's - drew for himself a load of wood from these western hills on his good customers' account. Mr Schoolmaster Kinsley took leave of us this morning - no school this day - A flying report prevailed that our friend G. House was soon to be wedded to the amiable Miss Betsey Champney who has spent two, three or more years of her life in the service of Mrs L.Norton of







J.Rog. late. Received towards borrowed money from J.Rog's this evening 94".  
 Gen Put- Read Biographical sketch of gen'l Putnam which does honor to his memory  
 nam. - completely does away the imputation of cowardice at Bunkerhill Battle  
 as published by gen. Dearborn, 1818. Wrote Jour'l till late & retired.  
 H.Debar H.Debar lodged with us - his work had been that of threshing oats &  
 C.Barney sp'g wheat. The lady of Charles, son of E.Barney, at the house of her  
 father, the honest & industrious, Mr S. Hathaway, Sen. lately became th  
 the mother of a fine daughter - J.Rog. brought the news - his wife for  
 a particular reason examined my journal for July 1st from which it  
 is probable she drew an important inference.

SUNDAY, JAN'Y 16 Chilly & cldy - wind S.E. Wrote Jour'l & continued  
 reading Thatcher on the biography of several eminent  
 generals of our Revolution. Father & Diadema heard the preaching of Mr  
 H.Kellogg Cheever of Hoosick & a Mr Chapin. Mr Henry Kellogg was published to  
 published Miss Margaret Hubbel, daughter of James H. Esq'r. J.Martindale passed  
 J.Mart. the latter part of the P.M. & tarried over night with us. H.Debar staid  
 H.Debar. through the day - returned to Norton's at night - Mrs Barney started on  
 Barney her way to Meadville, Pa., on the 11th inst.

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Jan'y MONDAY, JAN'Y 17 Cloudy, thawy, gloomy - high N.W. wd at night. Two  
 1825 hundred sheaves rye were threshed. Adeline had her  
 Rye. cousin Ellen with her this evening. The death of Story Brown was an-  
 Death of nounced as occurring on the 16th - aged 33 - He was of respectable  
 Story standing in society, was among the drafted militia for this town in  
 Brown. 1812 where I first became acquainted with him. Made an estimate this  
 evening of debt & credit - found a balance against us of \$205 - Dr  
 Debts. \$321.67 Cr. \$116.49 - perhaps some time I may exhibit this fully.

TUESDAY, JAN'Y 18 Cold, high, N.W. wd - rough frozen - finished thresh-  
 Threshing ing 867 sheaves rye - attended a few moments to the  
 Edgerton company of U.Edgerton & U.M.Robinson Esq's - Mrs Parsons took tea with  
 U.M.Rob. us P.M. and said it was reported that S.N.Brown was married. Abraham  
 S.H.Brown B. was on an errand here early in the evening. J.Rog. visited us at  
 night while I was busy at figuring.

WEDNESDAY, JAN'Y 19 Cloudy, from 10 A.M. till Evening, wind fresh from NW  
 rough & hobby - we cleaned up & measured 43 bhls  
 Rye. rye of which a quantity was stored in the garret - the whole produced  
 Nob. Dim- here this year was 88 bhls. Nob Dimmick paid to Damia for making his  
 micK. sisters loose coat \$1.00 - her price had been ficed at 92 cents, accord-  
 ing to which she owed him 8 - P.M. assisted Edwin Robinson in driving t  
 White Face the cow called White Face on the road to his father's as far as the pos  
 cow. sessions of W.Haswell - she was wanted there for the sake of her milk -  
 D.Clark to be returned in the spring. At D.Clark's found Capt D.Robinson view-  
 DeWitt ing the Map of N.Y. - finding the coal mine mentioned by De W Clinton  
 Clinton. in his late Message to the Legislature of N.Y. Mr Peters had P.O. busi  
 Mr Peters ness - left mute rather - At Dr Swift's paid 3" for knitting needles -  
 E.Rudd Saw Mr E.Rudd with a woman I took to be his wife. F.Blackmer commenced  
 F.Black- keeping house at the late residence of Charles Wright Esq.  
 mer.

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Jan'y Left flyers at Waters' to be wired. Read the last part of D.W.C's Mes-  
 1825 sage. H.Debat, N.Norton & Fayette Dickinson visited us this evening.







THURSDAY, JAN'Y 20 Fair till past noon - then became hazy - warm.  
 Grain Threshed & stored 12 bhs corn - cleared the barn entirely of grain. Father was much out of health - Mrs Parsons & my lady visited at Bates'. H. Debar paid his respects to us.

FRIDAY, JAN'Y 21 Fair & cold - ground frozen hard - wind N.W. Father  
 Chandlers got the mare Jenny shod at Chandler's before 12 at noon - after having in vain tried the Norton's in Algiers - He never rode her before - P.M. he changed sides with sled runners. I crossed over to Algiers on business - visited J. Norton's - wanted to settle with Capt Hill Capt Hill's, but he was not prepared - saw his new saw mill for sawing J. Rogers fire wood in successful operation - got a calf skin at Ballard's on J. calf-skin Rogers 8 acc't which on showing it to him at J. Norton's shop he pronounced F. Blackmered it worth \$1.75" Bo't for 8" at F. Blackmer's a cake of soap (Eng.) Mr Bliss My American soap bo't at Swift's proved to be very mean - Saw Mr Bliss Capt. M. who informed that Capt. M. Robinson was not expected to continue long. Robinson Looked at Map with Col Merrill who said in 1781 he saw gen. Washington Col Mer'l and suit as they rode through the country. The Col. was born June 18, Val Forge 1775. Valley Forge was not particularly noted by Mr Morse in his late Gazeteer, not Red Bank, which ought to have been done on account of Revolutionary events 1777-1778. Came from Clark's with the 5th Vol of Franklin - the 1st of Saratoga & the Federalist of 1788. While at C's Books Capt Trenor & Capt. D. Rob. talked respecting coal of which a paper Trenor the latter read gave an account that there was inexhaustible quantities Coal W. of the Susquehannah - stretching from N.Y. to Alabama. Capt T. mentioned the mines under the sea at Westhove, Eng'd into which he himself descended - the distance under water being about 3 miles - coming home Waters got flyers at Waters' - price for wiring 25" - they were busy at building the six spindle wheels - rode with Gov Tichenor's man in his chaise Ab. which was sent to convey home Miss Ab. Godfrey who was visit&g Cath. Godfrey T. Hill's the collector agreed to wait on us for taxes till past mid. Feb'y next.

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 SATURDAY, JAN'Y 22 Dry, sharp weather-hazy-wind N.W. Axes were ground  
 Woods and we at length, about 12, started for the woods. woked on an oak, a windfall, on the hill, W. of the grove formerly called the Sugar Place - Found a good sized bass tree felled by some unknown Firing at hand, a few rods of which stood a thrifty beech perhaps some less than mark. 12 inches through, into which from appearances bullets had been fired and afterwards cut out with an axe, greatly to the injury of the tree. From the bass to the beech was a great number of human tracks, which made us conclude that they rested across the former in firing their pieces. To the N. of the small beech is another tree of the same kind much larger which was hit a number of times, but no balls extracted, Damia though there were some marks of an axe about it. Damia was conveyed by goods. J. Rogers to town where she traded for silk &c. - paid her own cash - J. Rog's borrowed 31" of me. J. Rog's visited Algiers, settled with his father Godfrey - bro't home a number of a-ticket articles from the gov's & else C. Brown where. C. Brown, H. Debar & J. Martindale spent the night with us. C.B. J. Mart. & J. Mart. turned up a cent to see which should dun & receive all they H. Debar called due them from neighbor A.B. - it fell to J.M. who if he could Mr. not raise it without, was bound to dun 5 times at least. C.B. 28" - Chandler J.M. 20". Mr Chandler received himself 6 gs brandy - payable in blacksmithing - shoeing the mare was 7/0. Read Franklin's letters from the S. Waters court of France 1779-80-81 & one number of the Federation. B. Loomis married. bro't news that S. Waters was lately married.







SUNDAY, JAN'Y 23 Very cold, hazy & dry - wind N.W. Wrote Jour'l -  
 J.Rog's read some No's of the Federalist - assisted J.Rog's  
 due. in posting accounts - had charges of \$30.05" against us - Father & Dama  
 J.Mart. visited W. p't of the term - returned in the eve'g. J.Mart returned  
 from Pow'l - H.W. came here also.

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Jan'y MONDAY, JAN'Y 24 Extremely cold this morning, flying frost, cldy - wind  
 1825 N.W., by sunset softened down - wd S.W. - gr't signs  
 of storm. Attended to business at the barn - bro't water from the brook  
 J.Rog's for the ladies use in washing - settled with J.Rog's for 16-1/2 days la  
 haying, bor in haying & harvesting last season - balanced by giving him up a  
 acc't. note for calf skins \$11.25" with interest 33" - & 1 bhl wheat \$1.25" -  
 settled. total \$12.83". Assisted J.Rog in getting a load of wood near gen R's  
 S.line near the brook which flows to the N. - it consisted of a maple  
 Visit at stub which had been a pretty good tree before it was broken off - the  
 Lieut Federalist. Business at the barn was early attended to, and in the eve  
 Saffords ning with Father visited at Lieut Safford's - they supped after our  
 arrival - invited us to partake, but we declined because we had just  
 risen from our own tables - Col. Gillson & lady & W.E.Morgan appeared  
 to be members of their family. Father & uncle Solomon talked over many  
 old affairs as well as some modern ones - I looked into Bancroft's Life  
 of Washington - 1807 - having agreeably passed away the eve'g left at  
 ab't 9 and walked across lots home in the same manner that we went over  
 Cash recd - Rec'd from Mr Safford in full for 161 lbs pork \$8.05" , in paper, the  
 of Safford 5" excepted.

Wood TUESDAY, JAN'Y 25 Dry, fair, pretty mild - wind N.West. An elm which  
 many years since had been cut off within 12 feet of  
 the ground and branched out again, standing near the upper brook, 3 or  
 4 rods E. of the lane fence was laid prostrate by me - Father who had  
 Carpenter been intown to get measured at Carpenter's for a suit, finished cutting  
 Hand. it out. J.Rog. in settling with Mr B.Hand found found an account for  
 mending cradle against us of \$1.20" - for which we account to him -  
 Capt Scott Rog's. Parsons visited us this evening - Capt Scott waited upon Lydia  
 Kent & and Dama home from Capt. Waters. Capt Fay & Mr Kent favored us with  
 Fay. their company early P.M. The black star heifer presented us a good  
 Hay. calf. Our hay held out pretty well - the wood wasted too rapidly to  
 suit us.

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Jan'y WEDNESDAY, JAN'Y 26 Violent S. wind & a squall of snow in the morning -  
 1825 soon over - wind lulled - gradually became mild -  
 Wood remained cldy. The elm mentioned above & a walnut that stood a few  
 rods S.E. of it were added to the wood pile - had time to clear the  
 ground for the purpose of gaining room to build the pile thereon. In  
 Visit to the evening read Franklin's Letters on Public business in France.  
 Capt Wa- Lydia & Dama visited at Capt Waters' this evening to pay their respects  
 ters. to Mr Ashley & lady who had arrived from Arlington. A 2d calf was  
 2d Calf. added to the stock, the dam being the cow called "Old Line". H.D.bo't  
 H.Debar 2 pints of brandy of me, paid for but one. All paid.

THURSDAY, JAN'Y 27 Thick clouds - calm & mild - slight wind from  
 Mr Bates A new axe was ground by Mr Bates assisted by his  
 Walk to son William who commenced working her a few days by the month. After  
 House's attending to the usual rounds at the barn, walked to the old mill house  
 old house attached to the grist mill built by Major S. Billing about 40 years







Moral  
Society  
Wm Bates  
Handsome  
elm.

since - here found Mr Hand cutting stone, had some talk with him on various topics - one of which the hold Mrs V. Wirt had or would endeavor to have on the estate of capt. M. Robinson - this wwindling we were both opposed to. Mr H. assisted me in procuring 2 axe helves at the old see Scott house, the workmanship of Z. Pierce, sold by G. House, J. Rog's being accountable to him for us as agreed - got some loom furniture besides of no great importance - nearly noon when I returned from this excursion. Mr Bates in my absence performed a job at chopping & splitting wood for J. Rog. - after that helved the new axe - drank a glass of brandy & about 1 o'clock went home - saying he expected a meeting of th the Moral Society at his house this P.M. meaning H. Dimmick, A. Brown with their ladies. Father P.M. assisted young Bates at chopping in the old sheep pasture, where was felled that handsome beech which made so handsome an appearance in summer having on its trunk the initials of N. R. Locke engraved by himself in 1810 - & of Henry Wilder, 1819.

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Jan'y  
1825  
Dr Ashley  
Capt Scott  
Miss  
Street.

The wood saw was filed at Waters' & goods bo't on acc't at Dr Swift's by my father. We rec'd company, P.M. - Dr Ashley & lady, Mrs Street, Mrs P. Waters & Miss M. Street - In the evening were joined by Capt Waters, Capt Scott & Miss Car. Waters. Capt S. assumed his usual tone in everything, but could not help betraying some of his downcast feelings with regzrd to his intended departure - laid me under strong obligation to write him by the first of March touching, all matromonial concerns within my knowledge & every other particular which I might esteem interesting to him. He withdrew with (M) a part of the company late in the evening, which had been spent in a lively & agreeable manner. I was much pleased with the Dr conversed with him a great deal respecting the town of Russell, St Lawrence Co., N.Y. where he thought of settling - was at present engaged there, but was not fully determined whether to make a permanent stand at that place or in Pennsylvania in the neighborhood of Rush. As usual found myself greatly at a loss at times to find material for keeping up a lively & interesting conversation, owing in great measure to want of memory to carry with me many good things

Capt M.  
Robinson

I find in books & other causes too numerous to be mentioned. Capt. Robinson was said to be very low - his life despaired of.

Wood.  
Wm Bates  
Dr Ashley  
H.W.  
B. Loomis  
H. Debar

FRIDAY, JAN'Y 28 Cloudy with strong chilly wind from S.W. Drew 9 small loads of wood from the N. end of the Ridge of Rocks - Wm Bates assisted. Dr Ashley & lady departed for Arlington We should have been happy to have entertained them longer, our acquaintance with the doctor every moment becoming more interesting, but they could not longer content themselves, the weather appearing bad &c. This eve'g we were visited by H.W., B. Loomis, H. Debar & J. Martindale Jun'r.

Wm Bates  
Parsons  
Annis  
Stone.

SATURDAY, JAN'Y 29 Rained pretty heavily a few moments this morning - succeeding this the wind changed N.W. - blew violently - cold increased all day - very tedious by night. Drew wood from the rough N.E. part of the old sheep-pasture - Wm Bates performed for us again - We sent him at the close of the day to draw a load of wood from Robinson's woods for Parsons - we received a line from cousin Annis Stone dated this day at Hoosick Falls requesting us to wait upon her here. It was rec'r pr Harry Parsons. Read in the







Feb'y 1825 Death of Capt M. Robinson evening Franklin's correspondence at the Court of France, 1782. Died this evening at his house on the corner opposite Hicks' Inn - alias the Capt Dewey stand, Capt. Moses Robinson son of the late gov'r Moses R., in the 62d year of his age. It was reported that he left an estate of between 200,000 & \$300,000. His grandfather, Capt. Sam R., Esq was one of the original proprietors of lands in this town & one of the earliest settlers.

SUNDAY, JAN'Y 30 Pretty cold this mg - fine, fair day - mild & thawed a little. Rode in a 1 h. wagg. with my lady to Hoosick F's - paid a short visit to our friend Parsons & lady - there was an active girl there named Charlotte Gonnar - Improved one moment in running about to see the old grist mill - the new grand brick cott. factory, the saw-mill rebuilt & the flax machine - just gave a call at Esq'r Seth's - found the young folks reading - child crying - S. & lady gone out for a ride - found them on my return at Hiel's - but they staid only a moment. Such alteration had taken place on the road from the Corners and at this village that I scarcely knew the place. We supped - friend Seth came over again - and about half past 3 P.M. parted with him, friend Hiel & young Andrew & cousin Harry who had a few minutes before arrived from Bennington. We reached home before 7 o'clock

MONDAY, JAN'Y 31 Hard S. wind - cldy fore part of the .Mild PM  
Wood Finished getting wood from the place above noticed  
Wm Bates W.Bates assisted & attended Singing School at night. Father, cousin Annis & Damia attended the funeral of Capt Robinson - Mrs V. Wirt not present. In the paper in the evening read of great earth quakes in Persia & the E. part of Turkey

TUESDAY, FEB'Y 1 Some snowy this morning, & a little so this P.M. - wind we tho't to be S.E. W.Bates chopped down an elm in the N.W. corner N. meadow, of which formed my first load - after which the grove was entered from where three loads more were obtained -  
Mrs Bates at night W.B. went to singing sch'l. Mrs Bates with her daughter Polly  
B.Loomis spent the day with Damia getting a plaid coat cut out. B.Loomis & H.  
H.Debar Debar visited here this evening -

Snow WEDNESDAY, FEB'Y 2d Snowed extremely fast till past 2 P.M. - proved some stormy till the end of the day - very cold night

Feb'y 1825 Ruttenbur D.Clark Walked to town - returned to Capt Hall the History of the War of 1812 in Roman Catholic style - bo't & paid for 1 yd Lens at Dr Swift's, 37". D.Ruttenbur was there making inquiry for a lost turkey of his - spent most of my leisure hours at D.Clark's looking at books, reading a little & conversing occasionally with this or that person as they dropped in. Wm Haswell was present a good while, doing P.O. business - heard him read some part of the Instructions to P.Masters, mail carriers &c. which are pretty close & curious. In a Magazine lately published at Boston saw an account of Lord Byron - just glanced my eye over it enough to find that it gave him a bad character - it was copied from a London periodical publication - saw there the following gentlemen in the course of the day - C.Bisbee, who spoke of paying a debt due us, about the mid. of this month, Col Merrill, S.Rob. Sr, U.M.Rob., Hiram Haynes, (Alvah) Alva Rice, E.Fillmore Esq'r, Capt J.Black'r Esq of Shaftsbury, Mr Bliss, J.C.Rouse &c., & let me add Hiram Scott who offered no excuse as he had done heretofore for not paying for potatoes, 6 bhls of which he bo't of us some day last April - agreeing to leave the money,







Cash pd \$1.50" at F.Blackmer's & Co within a few days. Rec'd from Darius Clark  
D.Clark towards 100 lbs butter three dollars, one of which was a bill on the  
Plattsburg Bank the remainder or the other two was in a bill on Farmers  
Capt Scott Bank, Troy, - On leaving the P.O. met Capt M.Scott in a cutter, spoke  
with him & renewed my promise to write - said he should leave town nex  
next day & not be seen here for years - I made him promise to return at  
Cash pd last. Paid at Dr Swift's \$11.00 tow'd store debt - had taken up on book  
Dr Swift since looking over about 00.85" - Saw at the store Thomas Fessenden  
with whom Edward and Sidney amused themselves - mourned about selling  
an old mare which he said gen. Cross had given him, to J'n Hicks for \$1  
worth according to his estimation at least \$25.00 - shewed several old  
papers - recommends signed by a number of respectable people, but of no  
consequence to him. Bo't of D. Clark a small ruled bank book on cr at  
Dr Swift 2/3. Rode home with Dr Swift in his cutter.

THURSDAY, FEB'Y 3 Very cold - grew more so all day - wd N.W. flying  
clds - was nearly the whole day in Algiers getting  
one of the cutter runners shod at A.Norton's - Visited & dined at Mr  
Godfrey's - was shewn the list of revolutionary

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Feb'y pensioners, 1818 - Mr G. also shewed me a scrap of newspaper stating th  
1825 the weight of gen. Washington and others taken at the scales of W.Point  
1785 - copied from a paper possessed by an officer lately deceased -  
Weighing Gen. Washington I think weighed 209 - Gen. Knox 280, gen. Huntington  
of offi- 132, Gen. Grecton 166, others are not recollected. Just before leaving  
cers in Mr G's, Mr Pratt Ben'r came in & talked very wide-a-wake respecting the  
1785. estzte of the late Capt. R. rejoicing to think how many law-suits there  
was a chance for. Visited friend As'l Harwood our Orderly Serg't, who  
looked and found me returned equipped so far as our Capt. required on  
the first of June last, so that the fault was with him in making the re  
J.Murphy turn to the town clerk. At J. Murphy's after talking in neighborly  
style sometime, rec'd in full for 1 bbl cider \$1.00 Read Frank'n at  
night.

FRIDAY, FEB'Y 4 Cloudy, good winter weather - wind S.W. at night 4  
loads more of wood drawn - J.Rog's assisted at get-  
Wood. ting the 3rd. He conveyed Adeline to school in the cutter - performed  
J.Rog's some business at Mr Green's - on his return waited upon Damia to Clark'  
where she first laid hands on the novel called "The Spy". J.Rog's  
settled with W. Haswell for the cow which he bo't of him 9th of June  
last year, giving his note for \$44.00 - deducted the interest from the  
same & enough more on what was due for the use of another cow 1823 to  
J.Rog's amount to nearly \$2.00 which I gave in to Jon. in consideration of his  
loss, Jan'y 1st 1825. Our friend R. now employed an English journey-  
Tho's man, named as I underatand it Tho's Hollam. Sent pr Adeline this morn-  
Holland ing the one dollar bill which I rec'd of D. Clark, to be handed by his  
\$1 paid daughter Betsey to Mr Sam. Loomis one of the Prudential Committee for  
s.Loomis this Dis't toward above subscription. A rumor prevailed that the bank  
B.Loomis had failed - B. Loomis & H.Debar spent the evening with us - the latter  
& H.Debar on account of having been hurt by the sled running partly over him,  
H.W. staid all night, as did H.W. Parsons visited here too. Busy again  
Parsons with Franklin.

SATURDAY, FEB'Y 5 Tolerably fair, wind fresh from S. snow thawed a  
little. Drew 4 loads more of wood. W.Bates assist  
Wood ed on the 5th & this day. Mr Ayres & lady had horse & cutter to go to  
Ayres. town this m'g. H.W., J.Mart, C.Brown & H.Deber staid here this night -  
the last all day. Hounds howled loudly at night. Mrs Kent got her  
Damia. cloak of Damia.







SUNDAY, FEB'Y 6 Warm, faint wind from S. - sleighing spoiled.  
 Franklin & Federalist. Perused the Federalist and the V'th Vol of Franklin a little - had to be busy writing. Mr Peters preached the funeral sermon of Capt. Robinson - read the denunciation against Mrs Persis Safford which severed her from our immaculate church in Bennington for intemperance. Was visited by D.Hand who said his brother Ben. was almost totally blind since he had had the measles. Henry tarried till night or was hereabouts & returned to L.Norton's. Capt. P. Brown with his nephew S.H. & Reuben Hinman arrived in town - the last with A.Brown & friend Parsons visited us the eve'g. Stated that his family were in good circumstances - his son George had become a good shoe-maker - Burton, his 2d son, had gone to learn the trade of him. Friend C. Brown went to Church and on account of bad going concluded to spend the night with us - held a dispute with Lydia upon the character of Lord Byron, a vol. of whose works he had with him & for whose genius he entertained the most exalted opinion, nor could he allow his character to be what it is set forth to be in the Magazines. Seth Parsons Esq came out from Hoosick & bro't with him litt. Andrew who came up to see us while his uncle & mother went to Pownal, where they found Mrs Mary Buck dangerously ill with the measles - several more of that neighborhood had it.

MONDAY, FEB'Y 7 Thawed remarkably rapid, snow full of water, warm S. wind, seemed likely to rain, but in the evening w'd turned N.W. snowed a litt. & grew cold. Drew 4 large loads of wood again from the central & S.W. parts of the beech grove. W.Bates assisted. Got stuck crossing over the first part of the dry brook with the last l'd, but by hard straining started & drew it home. E.Fay Jr & S. Searles his brother-in-law got wood for Parsons from a neighboring forest not far to the W. In the eve'g read some in Day's collection of War Documents - made some remarks on British cruelty - read Franklin some &c. B.Loomis & H.Debar came here & went away again. Played the flute for the ladies - wrote this page & went to bed.

Feb'y 1825 TUESDAY, FEB'Y 8 Fair & cold, wind N.W. The path used on the 7th was so icy we had to abandon it where it led out of the woods - drew 4 loads wood through the meadow - deposited the same near the old brock place - were assisted by W.Bates. In the course of the P.M. Mr Hinman as well as friend H.Dimmick, visited us. B.Loomis & H.Debar paid their respects to us this eve'g - the latter bro't with him his fidd. on which I played some.

Wood. WEDNESDAY, FEB'Y 9 Severe in the m'g - mild P.M. Drew 5 loads of wood from the hill W. of the grove - oak, bass & beech.  
 W.Bates. My road pitched off the N. end of the hill - W.Bates assisted - J.Rog's & lady visited their friends in Algiers. In the evening B. & Dan Hand with their stringed instruments made abundance of music - some dancing was performed in which the little Englishman took part, as did J.Rog., H.Waters, H. Debar & D.Harwood - Mr Parsons was present.

School wood. THURSDAY, FEB'Y 10 Fair, warm & thawy - wd S. Three loads wood, principally bass from the hill mentioned above, but from a place so far to the W. that we had to draw it through the hollow called "The Gulf" - a fourth load gathered in the grove, perhaps half a cord was carried to the school house, of good quality. After coming down with the 1st l'd made preparation for going to H. Dimmick's on a visit past noon started with my lady and young H.H. in the cutter - found much bare ground this side the lower part of Fuller hill - At D's we were well rec'd & very agreeably spent the P.M. - had much conversation







with my friend - also with the old gentleman - visited the barns & saw a thriving little stock. In the house played the flute. After dark returned home by way of Hummiston's across lots. Capt Brown came over this morning to see father about his going to Manchester for him. The Hand boys & H. Debar spent the day mostly at J. Rog's - went to Hummiston's & Capt Norton's at night. J. Rog's made settlement with Capt N. at the same time - Lent to Mr Bates forty cents cash.

H. Debar

Bates

FRIDAY, FEB'Y 11 Hazy & warm - wind S. - stormed rain & snow at night, splashy travelling in the road. Father was on business in town till

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Feb'y 1825 noon by which period I had drawn a load of scattering wood from the SW part of the grove where where I had the ill fortune to over-set a part & reload the same. P.M. we made an end of the business at present by gleaning in the lower parts of said grove enough good & bad for a load, making in all about 25 cords - among which there was very little of maple - consisting mostly of beech, elm, oak, bass, birch, iron wood &c. We felt much more contented with our prospect respecting wood than on the commenceM't of getting our usual supply - p.696 - W. Bates chopped wood at the door, assisted by his father who was to make up 1 day for W's absence on the 2d inst., but failed doing half of it this day, because at noon he went to Brown's where R. Hinman & H. Dimmick were butchering a cow & returned no more all day. He put into my hands a farmer bill, Troy, \$3. to secure me for forty cents borrowed which he owed me - Out of sd money I paid his son at Dr Swift's store this evening \$2.00 according to William's request, giving his father credit for the same, being so much tow'ds his half months wages. Horace Dimmick came with his brother Abel early in the evening to buy our wood sleigh - he offered \$4. - we thought of asking 8 - would finally have taken 6 in lumber, but the proposition was not made - we let him the vehicle with harness to transport some chairs which he had rec'd from Abraham Brown tow'd debt. With J. Rog's marched to Hicks' to be spectators of a ball. The music had previously been cried up very high, but we found, although it was pronounced in excellent style by a young Englishman late from Hull, Yorkshire, England, and another young man, yet there was great want of weight - the room was not filled - great want of vivacity or a something which I cannot describe better. S.H. Blackmer with me visited the table of the musicians where we viewed a handsome blank music book in which was inserted the name of Alexander Russell, Troy, Feb'y 7, 1825 and a number of cotillions &c. Among the spectators noticed, P. Dewey, J. Brooks, Hem. Robinson, Capt Hyde, U.M. Robinson, A.D. Rob., J. Bates Jr as well as John Hicks, whose lady I saw in a figure with U.M. R., for partner. Miss Mariah Squires was present in her usual singular costume. H. Robinson's daughter looked very well. We left the chamber past 9 - found Joel Rice & Major I. Haynes in the bar-room - got home with friend J.R. before 10 - his Englishman left his service this day - gave in 73" due from him - we looked upon him to be a poor creature - to the last degree dissipated.

Getting

in wood.

Quantity.

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H. Dimmick

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man.

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SATURDAY, FEB'Y 24 Cloudy & gloomy - wd SE - thawy & muddy. A latch was fixed to the door of the apple cellar & other affairs of like weight attended to - P.M. as I stood harnessing the mare Jenny at the door, she having her head in the forward part of box, finding herself a little entangled, suddenly started back, overturned the wagon, got loose by breaking her check rein. In the affray the sideboard of the wagon was considerably injured by the foot of the left spring & myself some wounded at the end of my right thumb - thus

Waggon  
broken.







Chandler ended this foolish adventure. Rode to Chandler's - left waggon to be repaired - L. Downs drove up with a load of wood at the time. Walked to Merrill's & left there 5 lbs butter on credit - carried saddle bags full of apples to Doolittle & boys to pay for waste papers - Staid awhile at the bookstore, returned 2 vols of the Spy and the V. of Franklin - took out Jo Andrews & the VI of Franklin - came down to Chandler's - got my waggon, returned in it to J. Hicks' - had my check rein mended gratis - he informed me of the price of my knapsack & canteen - \$1.25" which I told him to put to the acc't of J. Rogers' - he said he would do it, as he J.R. was owing him - Made settlement with Richard Carpenter against whom my account amounted to \$2.98" - his exceeded mine by 53" - Carpenter agreed to pay him in cheese. Arrived here after dark. H. Debar & O.W.D lodged here this night - I had tolerable success playing the fiddle.

SUNDAY, FEB'Y 13 Cloudy, thawy, very unpleasant. Nobody attended public worship from this quarter - travelling was esteemed so uncomfortable. My usual course of writing employed me great part of the day. DeBar & O.W. Daniels passed the day (the day) here. J. Martindale came late P.M. tarried over night - H.W. I think shewed something like himself here this eve.

MONDAY, FEB'Y 14 No particular alteration in the weather - mountains capped with snow. Father started for Manchester before 10 this morning. H. Dimmick & his father in a 1 h. wagg called here a moment & intended to bear him company, his mode of travelling being like theirs - Calculated to receive at Hicks' Mr Cutler of Woodford for passenger. I waited upon the ladies some - prepared an old sink to feed calves in at the barn - sawed some wood, took care of the stock - read Federalist & Franklin at night. H. Debar & B. Loomis slept with us at night. R. Hinman visited us late this evening.

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Feb'y 1825 TUESDAY, FEB'Y 15 Cloudy - snowed some a little before noon - tolerably pleas't P.M. Looked well to the creatures at the barn - made a measure with a bit of old saw plate fitted at one end to mark the wood as I sawed it - say 2 feet in length - Sawed some wood. At night read the Federalist and several of the Letters of Franklin. Mr Ayres related a long story respecting Mr Green Jun'r - 10" brandy was sold to Mr K. - Miss P. Sawyer had a plaid coat cut out by D. Harwood

WEDNESDAY, FEB'Y 16 The weather continued much as it had been only more cold. No particular variation in my business. I suppose there was a want of energy - but what signifies this running do down oneself. Mr Brown packed off his family under the care of Noble Dimmick to Connecticut, consisting of his partner, little son & daughter & a colored wench - It was given out he was going to remain in town awhile to settle up his affairs - being as we presume much in debt to A. B. & C. Mr Kent dropped in 20 cents to pay for brandy - 2" over'pd Mrs P. Waters & 2d daughter paid us a visit - the latter st'd over night Damia became wide-a-woke for learning of cousin Annis the business of making artificials - teased me to buy a set of irons used in that ornamental branch of manufactures - price \$6. - to which I tried to turn a deaf ear - did not think it was going to be much benefit to the Harwood estsblishment. With much pleasure read Franklin this eve'g.

THURSDAY, FEB'Y 17 Saw the sun till past noon - the atmosphere P.M. be came loaded with clouds, strong S. wind prevailed & bro't on rain at night. Business continued the same - Mrs Suncan's







little boy bro't down a horse on which she rode home. Caroline Waters visited here. Damia wrought at the new trade. H.Debar & his friend N. Norton visited us this eve'g, the latter in the face of a bad storm went home - the former slept here. Perused Franklin. On the 9th inst J.Rog's J.Rogers rec'd on short credit 1 bhl wheat at \$1.25".

FRIDAY, FEB'Y 18 After the rain in the wind changed to N.W. froze very slightly, & remained so till tow'd evening - the wind blowing sometimes very powerfully, became quite cold at night. A.Brown. Employment the same. Mr P. Vosburgh bo't for A. Brown ~~1/2~~ this morning & paid for the same 1 qt brandy - Spencer assisted B. in getting off Dr Swift sent Vosburgh off with a writ for him, but ~~he~~ the business being misunderstood between them, b. got clear with impunity. He owed at Dr Swift's store about \$25.

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Feb'y 16 or 17 at F.Blackmer & Co's - 9 at Patchin's, about 3 to Harwood & 1825 mor or less to A. B. C. & D. The manner of his leaving town was not viewed by the neighbors as being very praiseworthy, but it made a consistent trait in his character - though it was not night-time, as it seems by his movements he meant to have had it on Thursday eve'g. A.Brown. Mr ... had p't br'dy, paid 3". I continued pleased with Franklin's Novel. letters - Damia most vehemently perused her novel

SATURDAY, FEB'Y 19 Chilly N.wind - thawed slightly - rugged bad travel ling - became pretty cold at night - The woodpile suffered but little - fed to the cattle plenty of straw- stabled several of the choice cows & about noon being employed in shaving off a 10 days beard, friend F. Blackmer came in & informed me that he had put an attachment onto a considerable amount of property at the late residence of Abraham Brown having a demand against him of from 16 to 17 dollars - engaged to hold me harmless if I would walk over & receipt it. I felt reluctant in complying with his request, but supposing myself under some obligation to him as a common friend, & not apprehending much danger in the transaction readily agreed to it. On arriving at B's found Reuben Robinson who had performed the part of constable - they put in my hands the following list of property - the paper runs thus - A list of property attached by F.Blackmer & Co and Lyman Patchin, Feb 19 1825 belonging to Abraham Brown & delivered into the hands of Hiram Harwood same day - 1 mow hay about 4 tons, 1 potato heap, about 20 bushels, 1 ox cart, 1 black yearling colt, 1 black sucking colt, about 12 bbls ears of corn, 5 calves, 2 oxen, 1 ox-yoke, 6 cows, 7 yearlings, 1 field of rye of ab't 5 acres. Most of the foregoing articles & stock were pointed out to me & placed under my care. Mr Bates with neighbor Kent being present, the former agreed to fodder the stock. Walked with B. &

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Feb'y to town - near Mr Chandler's they met in a good carriage, J.Fassett from 1825 Troy with whom the usual civilities were exchanged & then friend Frank informed him of several late run-aways, among others mentioned Russell Potter & the cooper Montgomery of Algiers. Left iron wedges to be sharpened at Mr C's. Marched to the Court House - saw Cushman's stage coach which the black man told me had been lately overturned & considerably injured - the remainder of my visit was paid at the old stand - the printers office & book store - Learned the pleasing intelligence that J Q ADAMS J.Q.Adams was elected President of the U.S. from the 4th of March next - 13 States for Adams - 7 for Jackson & 4 for Crawford. The choice was made by the House of Representatives on the 9th instnt.







Called, on my way home, at Chandler's, had wedges fixed, made off for home, hailed by Mr Bliss as I passed his house, said he had a paper in which an Eng. traveller gave a fine character of President Monroe.

Looked into H. Waters' shop & mom't, saw there H. Story & E.D. Waters. Chas Brown This evening read newspaper &c. Charles Brown came to see us - plagued Damia about reading her novel.

SUNDAY, FEB'Y 20 Hazy & cold, wind N. Chiefly employed in writing. T.C. Parsons Our friend Parsons made his appearance this morning Court at - left Manchester late last evening - bro't news that the trial (was) Manches- had progressed but a little, father had gone to Rupert to spend the ter. Sabbath, uncertain when he would be spared to return home. Chas Brown staid with us till toward evening, & then departed for his District - boiled quills, made pens for his friend &c - borrr'd of me Guthrie's J. Rogers Commercial Grammar. J. Rog. & H. Debar feeling a strong disposition to rejoice at the departure of A....B.....& family, visited several of the neighbors & in a very civil manner, gratuitously feeding them with a moderate potion of the essence of apple-tree, causing brightness & sprightliness to beam on every countenance along with a fine flow of spirits that did not cease for several hours afterwards. H. Dimmick happened to be of the party.

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Feb'y H. Debar went to Norton's at night after passing the day here & in this 1825 little vicinity. J. Martindale Jr paid his usual respects to us. B. Loomis & N. Norton were here this evening.

MONDAY, FEB'Y 21 Clouds were thick & a kind of N.E. hail & rain storm prevailed here in a moderate degree, but grew more violent as night drew on. Before I proceed with the account of this day - let me set down what I omitted on Saturday - Settled with Rich'd Carpenter who on the 14th rec'd 18 lbs cheese at 6" which left him in debt to me 55", which he paid in full. At Dr Swift's bo't & paid 54 cents for 1/2 lb tea, 1 lb ground logwood & a few raisins. Before one o'clock this morning was called up by S.H. Brown out of a most profound sleep to accompany him & his friend Newt Bates to the Brown house to transact the same kind of business that I did on Saturday. Property I found in the W. room of the new end of the house S.H. Blackmer & Reu- receipted ben Robinson - lawyer & officer - who had attached the same property mentioned p. 726 with the addition of 1-1/2 bbls pork, 4 bbls buckwheat 4 tons hay in the lower barn, at the suit of Park Brown administrator vs Ab'm Brown. It was cold, no fire, had lights. S.H. Bl. Executed the writing, I signed - receipted the property in the usual form - to be delivered to the officer on demand - to inform him if anybody undertook to make off with any part of it &c. During our stay, which was short, Blackmer & I exchanged jokes about lawyers in familiar style as usual. As I came away they pressed me very earnestly to take a little good brandy with them, but I refused - Newton received the keys with a charge to take good care of the stock. I returned home & went to bed again, but it was a long time before sleep closed my eyes. One thing in the above relation has escaped me. My friend Bl asked me if I knew how many cows there were on the farm when Abraham came there to reside - Answered that I did not - for it was very rare that I crossed the line, or something to that amount - which







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occasioned him to observe that if all men were like me, he should be obliged to quit his profession & apply himself to labor for a living. My unseasonable rising gave me an unpleasant feeling most of the day. My own affairs being looked to, had a curiosity to visit the barns at the old Hinman & Brown stand - found more hay than was specified in my list - the new barn appeared the most disordered - great doors badly injured - stables & stable doors much impaired, which together with the great want of fencing on the farm seemed to cry loudly for the care of a vigilant, skillfull & persevering owner. In my way home visited neighbor P's back house in which saw plenty of hay for himself & friend Spencer. Drove from the litt. meadows the cows of K. & P. & prepared the bars in such manner as I thought would keep them & other cattle out. Nothing was executed at the wood-pile, but waiting upon the ladies and building a temprary fence to defend the hay mow from the funny intrusions of our young calves & foddering the stock took up the most of my time. Passed the best part of the evening at J.Rogers' very agreeably & friendly. Mr Kent made a hemlock chest for our friend this day, into which he calculated, for greater security, to put his shoes and choice bits of leather under lock & key - Rec'd from J.Rog. tow'd what he owed friend Bisbee \$1.25", also from his lady for 4 lbs 5 oz butter 54 cents - The dollar which I rec'd of J.R. was in a handsome bill on the State Bank at Boston.

Cash pd  
J.Roger's

Father  
returns  
from  
Manchester

Neigh-  
bours.

TUESDAY, FEB'Y 22 Cldy - mild - thawed the surface of the gr'd - Work ed some at removing wood - father arriving from Manchester, where he had been so long detained as a witness for P.Brown in the great Hinman & Brown cause, at ab't 2 P.M. made me quit work to talk with him concerning that masterpiece of Law jumbling & other concerns. Mr Ayres & Mr Kent came over to grind an axe late P.M. - eve'g Mr K., Bates & Parsons visited us. Mrs L. Dewey p'd mother a good visit, tarried over night. Damia finished reading her Rupert Novel, which she did not well relish. I tried some to read in Bigland's gen. History of Germany, but made out poorly

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S.Duncan.

Mrs  
Duncan.

Dr Swift's  
Broom.

Franklin.

WEDNESDAY, FEB'Y 23 Cloudy, some sharp air from the N. but on the whole was pretty mild. We wrought upon bass-wood chiefly Cousin Sam Duncan came down to see about hiring to us during the ensuing season - His highest demand was \$7. pr month, intimated that he would take up with 6-1/2 - we offered \$6. - he departed without coming to a final conclusion - we engaged to give more if it should appear thzt he earned it. Damie gallanted Mrs D. home, cousin Annis being with her, invited Mrs Selden, whose favorable opinion she received on the artificial question - thought it a profitable business &c. - vis-ited Dr Swift's store & bo't goods to the am't of 82 including a broom, the first bo't since Oct. 16 1824 & paid cash 75" - 50 of which I understand she would apply to her personal use - I was extremely drowsy this eve'g - however made out to read the last newspaper & some of the last letters of Dr Franklin.

Brown-  
Hinman  
cause.  
Debar  
B.Loomis  
N.Norton

THURSDAY, FEB'Y 24 Bretty mild, but cloudy. Business continued the same We were informed by friend Parsons that Park Brown had obtained his cause in the sum of \$1,000 The people were greatly divided in opinion on the subject - One thing is certain that the lawyers have got it in a good train & will surely have their part. The ladies, I mean the maiden ladies of this house, visited at Capt. E. Waters. B.Loomis, H.Debar & N.Norton were here this eve'g - had some amusement respecting our dog's coming from N's with a split stick attach to his tail.







FRIDAY, FEB'Y 25 Cldy, but P.M. much less so than of late, thawed so as to be very muddy - Continued confined at the wood pile. Mr Gleason came down from Pownal and talked with us respecting the occupation of the Brown farm - we could not encourage him at all in his undertaking - the great obstacle was the miserable condition in which the place lies - almost destitute of fences & otherwise much run down. Chas Brown & H. Debar st'd ov'r night - the former had a lett'r from his mother

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Feb'y 1825 SATURDAY, FEB'Y 26 An E. storm prevailed - very chilly, cldy & gloomy - froze hard at night. Stuck to the wood till past 2 P.M. & then visited the printing office. Staid there awhile looking in papers & books - went down to Bisbee's - failed of seeing him because he was absent at the furnace - spent a few moments at Dewey's - came down to Dr Swift's store - by borrowing of Major L. Norton \$7. payable in a few days p'd my father's takes to T.Hills - \$11.47" spoke respecting mine to him as if I should not pay on account of being exempt by law, the Captzins blunder being the reason why I was taxed, he replied he did not see how I could get out of it. Bo't on credit 1 lb h s tea & 1 do bohee, 92" - \$1.30 - Saw besides L.N. & T.H., Eli Carpenter, E. R. Rudd, L. Downs, V.D. McEowen &c. At Hicks' being requested by others walked in & had exhibited to me a specimen of an edition of Josephus & Rollin with elegant plates, to be issued in numbers - the former when complete at \$11. the latter at \$14.00 if I mistake not. I subscribed not, & came away - saw there S.H. Brown. Called a moment at H. Waters' shop - H. Edgerton was there also. Read Franklin some this eve'g as usual. Mr Kent & Mr Bates visited us & talked much respecting A.Br. This morning J. Rog. & Chas Brown were amused with talk of removing a certain building in the neighborhood. Mr K. now owed us 13" for br. H. Debar went to see Rufus Millington at Col G. Blackmers in order to have his fiddle put in good tune - glued it a little, and pronounced it well. Mr W. Kinsley this day ended his school in this district - The first lamb of the flock made its appearance this day.

SUNDAY, FEB'Y 27 The chilly E. wind contin'd - some little snow like feathers flew - became more fair & mild at night. My reading was not extensive this day but among the rest took up the Bible and read the Epistle of Jude, 2 or 2 of the first chapters of Revelations, which I did not understand - the reign of Manasseh, Aman &c. - the account of Samsons' slaying 1000 Philistines with the jaw bone of an ass - the charge of Moses & his song &c.

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Feb'y 1825 In the evening read to cousin Annis & Lydia Bigland's account of the curious cavern in the island of Antiparos, the Labarynth of Crete &c. Mother being much troubled in breathing - walked across lots to Dr Swift's to get the Dr to visit her, but failed because he had not returned from visiting a patient in White Creek or in that quarter - Staid a good while talking about the H's & B's, and their worrying one another in the Law - Before 9 o'clock returned by Parsons & gal-lanted Mrs H. home from her sister's. J. Rog. & H. Debar took possess-owns a blkion of a black mare which they procured of J.M.B. Spencer for \$30.00 mare. as they said - paid chiefly in guns. B. Loomis spent the eve'g here - B. Loomis O.W. Daniels tarried all night. J. Mart. also visited us P.M. O.W.D.







MONDAY, FEB'Y 28 Tolerably fair, some hazy & cldy - wd N. - chilly & dry. The woodpile gave us full employment - H. Debar past 9 o'clock engaged at chopping, after first going over to W. Green's with J.Rog's & bringing 8 cwt of hay on Brown's cart, drawn by our bullocks, for feeding to their black mare. Henry also took a little precious time for amusement with his violin which he now considered as in prime order. At night with his friend Rog. visited cousin N. Rob. to collect a few oats for the good jade. Dr Swift came to see Mother late in the morning. Late P.M. G.House drew a l'd of wood on wheels for J.Rog. Mr W'd Green Jun. spent a short time with my father about 3 P.M. - also Mr Bates, about that time assisted by father, dug some cumfrey root to apply to his lame thumb. Mr G. praised highly the farmers of Dutchess County where he went last fall to assist the Carp's at driving cattle. Past six in the evening came our good friend Chas Brown in great agitation on account of his mother's arrival from the W. - wanted to engage me to convey her & her effects to Middleboro, Ms but my circumstances were such as to entirely forbid the idea of going, so he had to try elsewhere. Near sunset Mr K. being here, agreed to work for us on the morrow.

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TUESDAY, MARCH 1 Cloudy, chilly winds, some thawy, muddy. Worked at the wood till noon. P.M. visited School District NO.2 to number the scholars in it over 4 & under 18 years of age - found in the whole about 52. To S.Loomos paid 50 cents towards stove subscription - rec'd back the Plattsburgh bill mentioned p. 720, the credit of the Bank being bad. Visited Capt Dimmick's - but did not see friend Horace, he being absent at Mr Harvey 's to see about having sap-buckets made - his wife informed me that he had been very ill a short time - her mother was also quite sick with the liver complaint. At J. Ayres I was told that Will'd Perry was extremely ill, they could not tell what ailed him. When at L.Jewett's found him complaining of stiff neck, bad cold, &c - In returning home was accomp'd home to Parsons' by L.K.Gibb's who had been to some part of Pow'l on foot, appeared much worried & puffy. The robbery of the mail by Chas Doolittle on the 9th ult, late publisher of the Vt Gazette, which he acknowledged yesterday in the presence of Uriah Edgerton, Stephen Robinson, W.Haswell Esq'rs & others, & his getting off, through their indulging him to go by himself to get the money which he had pillaged from letters in the P.O. - made matter of enquiry & research remark for many - I was never more shocked with any news in my life. Mr Kent worked here 2/3ds of this day, mending saw-horse, filing saws &c.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2 Fine day, hazy weather, wind N. good dry walking in the roads. My chief business was sawing wood. H. Debar agreed to take \$2.25" for cutting the wood at the door including what was already done. Father visited at uncle S. Robinson's - Edgerton. Engaged a female swine of H. Edgerton. Saw Capt A. Dimmick who agreed Capt Dim'kto fulfil the arrangement engagement which his son entered into with us on the 5th of Jan'y 1825. Also bargained with J. Hicks' Jr to receive a quantity of cheese - a part of which was to go, if not paid by friend H.D., towards the use of his horse gentleman last season. A little before sundown in great haste visited town - called to see Bisbee, but he was gone to the furnace - Borrowed of Ed. H. Swift \$10. which I spoke of paying in 10 days, but he said they should not wait it till his father went to N.York. Borrowed of F. Blackmer \$6. which I engaged to pay within a few days - came home & fed my cattle &c. Damia being gallanted by G. Potter who happened accidentally to be here, to Algiers - bro't thence H. Rog. Visited Dr Swift's store & took up on her own account goods to the amount of \$1.28" - Settled all off in full with







Sett'd Mrs P.Crawford who came here this P.M. before my going to town. Father  
with Mrs came home sick.  
Crawford.

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March THURSDAY, MARCH 3 Cloudy & warm rained a little late P.M. - heavy wag  
1825 goning it was so thawed. Dather was wholly taken u  
up with his illness which took hold pretty sharp. Iw was not very  
H.Debar steady at the woodpile but Henry could hardly spare time for fiddling,  
his application was so close to his job - he received assistance per-  
sonally from J.Rog's. The latter & the former this evening conveyed to  
Hicks' for me 81-1/4 lbs cheese at 0/4-1/2 pr lb - rec'd tow'd it  
Mrs D. \$1.02" - leaving due me \$4.05" - Cousin Annis & my sisters visited this  
visited. day Mrs Duncan - they returned in excell't season & related some curi-  
Spencer ous anecdotes of the Mountaineers. Mr Spencer came about here with his  
gun - fired at a mark &c. - friend H. also entertained us with some  
lively notions. Mr Duncan passed this way for some reason or other.  
N.J.Nor- N. J. Norton being here this eve'g I agreed with him to new stock my  
ton. training gun. Sent by him \$7. to his brother Luman

FRIDAY, MARCH 4 Cloudy with considerable sunshine - some of the time  
quite warm - grew chilly tow'd eve'g - wind fresh  
H.Debar from the E. No variation of employ't. Henry finished his job, but a  
little short of his agreement - hired Mr Kent for 1 bhl b'k wh't & p't  
B.Hand. brandy to chop for him. Ben Hand Jr to came up to get J.Rog. to take  
his boots or shoes for him - while waiting his, Rog's, return from the W  
mountain where he went with Norman Norton, and after he came down & was  
employed on the ahoes - played the violin with Henry's instrument - &  
Mr Kent. the latter gent. fearing that Mr K. would not find full employ't, fid-  
dled away or hour or two of the P.M. Delia & Mary Waters paid their re  
Bates & spects to our ladies - Esq Bates & Ladies, I mean lady, were at J.Rog's  
lady. this evening. B.Loomis came to see us this night. J.Mart. Jr cut posy  
B.Loomis leaves for Dama - Read a little in Franklin. J.Q.Adams takes the Pres-  
iden'l chair this day.

SATURDAY, MARCH 5 Cloudy & raw - thawed considerably - Father contin'd  
too unwell to labor - I attended to sawing wood as  
H.Debar usual - Henry visited the E. & S. parts of the town - bro't home a  
Franklin music book belonging to B.Hand Jr - I returned Franklin and the Federal  
Federal't ist into the Libr'y & took out the 1st Vol of Hallam's Mid. Ages -  
visited Dewey's bar-room - saw gen. Robinson, Col Merrill, & others  
talking of those who had filled the offices of Pres. & V.Pres. U.S. -  
waited sometime to see if a debtor wanted to meet his creditor, but  
H.Waters failing in this, ca,e home with some unpleas't sensations. H.W. came  
Tichenor. here sick this eve. Gov Tichenor sent me a billet pr Henry & G.Whitney  
stating

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March that from Hoosick he had received a gentleman fowl resembling a lady of  
1825 that species belonging to us, that he wanted to borrow on some terms or  
other - This request was complied with in full - I wrote him that all  
the compensation I required was the loan of a book from his library.  
Mr Hummiston rec'd 1-1/4 lbs butter, paid 18-3/4" tow'd it pr O.W.Dan-  
iels. I bo't for Dama 1 oz gum Arabic at Dr Swift's - she rec'd on my  
D.Clark acc't at D.Clark's 12" worth gr. pap'r. Mrs Parsons visited here this  
P.M. - Cousin Annis sick a bed.

SUNDAY, MARCH 6 Fair & cold, wind N.W. To C.Brown paid \$8.50 in  
full, it being the last payment towards the cow he  
sold us in Sept. 1824 - he returned by books - Guthrie & Butler - ended







his school yesterday. Wrote Jour'l as usual - attended some to Hallam. P.M. friend H. Dimmick entertained us with a lively account of his late sickness and other subjects, such as the great Hinman & Brown cause, Doolittle's case &c. Before going home he renewed his promise of the 5 Han'y. C. Brown after his return from meeting endeavored to hire Henry to convey his mother to Middleboro - offering \$24.00 exclusive of anything else - this occasioned J. Rog. & his friend Henry to talk of buying or selling their half of the black mare - at last the former verbally engaged to give the latter his note for 18 dollars payable at the expiration of one year. Parsons this evening gave us a friendly visit, talked much respecting the cause mentioned above - the great powers of G.R. Davis of Hoosick as an attorney &c. I added a few lines to the letter. letter addressed to friend Scott, mentioning the publishment this day of J. Hinsdillof young Jo Hinsdill to Miss Fanny Walbridge, daughter of Mr S.W. Sen'r. published B. Loomis came up with N.J.N. - the latter did not stay long - the former left when T.C.P. withdrew, or shortly after. J. Mart. staid all N.J.N. night. C. Brown went to hunt up his chap for the Eastern jaunt. On the J. Mart. night of the 3d inst a third calf was added to our stock - young Star being the dam. The measles were now in Mr Kent's family & supposed to be in that of Mr P. Adeline & Hopkins were both out of health at this time.

MONDAY, MARCH, 7 Hazy - middling warm - pleasant P.M. wd S. Accompanied by friend Debar, carried grist of rye, say 6 bbls, to Dewey's mill. D. went to Mr Webster's to see a friend of his that owed him about \$3.50 - I rode to Mrs Crawford's to get hatchet which she gave me, having borrowed it sometime since - visited the Furnace Benn'g Iron Works - viewed many departments

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March found D. Ruttenbur working on the frame of a building which when raised 1925 is to be 120 feet long & 45 broad. A difference set of bellows had been introduced there since my last visit. I think in Feb 1823 - p. 170. Parsons Found friend Parsons there who rode with me to Algiers - got my grist ready ground at Dewey's - drove to Dr Swift's store where friend Henry who arrived from his jaunt, took charge of it & drove home. I marched D. Clark, up the hill - at the P.O. saw friend D. Clark - questioned him concerning the Plattsburgh money which I rec'd from him on the 2d ult - Platts'bg money. He argued that if he had known that the credit of the bank was failing he should not have paid it over to me &c. I let it pass that I was satisfied. Cap Safford happened there a few moments & talked of his old Mr Bisbee neutral ground in political party times - Visited Mr Bisbee who had no money for me, but gave me my dinner which he had cooked himself - promised to pay on Thursday next - Came down to Dr S's store - saw there P. & S.H. Brown. Capt B Brown, lawyer Sq'r & S.H.B. - Informed the Dr that he was wanted by my cousin A. Stone at our house - he agreed to visit her - Saw J. Hick Jr who engaged to manage as well as he could the business of Jan. 5. Hall & Blackmer Saw, near the office of Hall & Blackmer, S.H.B. with his little boy in his arms, waited for him to say something about paying me money - even till after he had held a considerable conversation consultation with Capt Trenor, but never said a syllable to me on the subject most interesting to me - visited friend Hall near his house who readily commenced on the tender point, promised me cash this week. I have passed over Col. Merrill. Col Merrill who said he could pay me whenever he could get his State C. Brown. Order exchanged for money. Chas Brown visited here - had our bay mare to ride to Capt Nichols' in the eve'g to see his mother. I was accompanied home by Dr Swift - found father had engaged at making a beetle - Mr Kent. Mr Kent setting hoops on his own account.







TUESDAY, MARCH 8 Began storming early in the morning smartly - this was succeeded by a sort of calm. P.M. rained power fully. The Bates boys attempted to work for us, but by the weather were prevented & went home again - Mr Bates & Mr Kent visited us this P.M. W.O.Campbell bro't his mother here in the rain - she talked a good deal Mrs Duncan here on a visit. Henry D. fiddled some.

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March 1825 WEDNESDAY, MARCH, 9 Very cloudy, rained mod. in the morning - by noon came on fast - before night was mingled with snow. Bates boys The Bates boys split wood for us perhaps three hours, dined & went home Mrs Eldred Read Hallam on the Feudal System. Mrs E. & Mrs D. continued their visit Campbell the former was unusually talkative. W.O.Campbell left here past noon for H.Debar. for home. Henry applied himself closely to music. A 4th calf was added to the stock, Lydia's Line being its dam - Mr K. rec'd on credit p't br'y.

THURSDAY, MARCH 10 High March wind from N.W. cldy m'g, more fair & mild P.M. Mrs Duncan early this morning left, in Mr Eldred's 1 h wagg. for Pow'l, Staunton Hill - Mrs Eldred to accompany her from her son Chatfield's - Father worked with me at sawing wood, Mr Kent. having J.Rog's saw, which was filed by Mr Kent. Friend T.C. entertained us with such news as he had picked up & condescended to dine with us. Dama commenced the day with casting up her accounts, but got over Dama sick it a good deal ere night. Mrs Waters paid our ladies a goodly visit - Mrs Waters Hen. Debar visited town in the eve'g - got 5-1/2 lbs fresh beef for us H.Debar at Bisbee's, 15" worth codfish on our acc't at F.B. & Co & 2 bbls buckwheat at Edgerton's for himself - he with his friend J.Rog's visited Algiers in the eve. C.Brown returned from Pownal. Hopkins had St Gleason. Anthony's Fire. Mr Gleason from the Staunton place in Pownal, on Friday the 11th inst came with family & effects to reside at the old Moseley, Hinman & Brown place. This eve'g 10th took a good deal of satisfaction in reading Hallam.

FRIDAY, MARCH 11 Hazy & mild forepart of the day, wind N. P.M. wd changed to S. & in the evening it being very dark there came on a most violent shower of snow, which was of short duration - rain followed in considerable quantity - Sawing wood was continued. Order on H.Scott Gave Chas Brown an order on Hiram Scott to the am't of \$1.50 - made out an account against him on which the order was founded - six bbls potatoe sold him, May 13 1824 - told Charles if he'd collect it, he should be entitled to half the pay. He went to S's but failed seeing him because he was gone from home - See Feb. 2 - & May 13 1824 - Our lambs were appearing to us often - the dams were in too low a condition. The usual pleasures engrossed friend Henry's attention. Read Hallam with some attention. H.Debar

SATURDAY, MARCH 12 Fair & pretty mild - wd N. Sawed wood till past noon Father was too unwell to do much. P.M. past 3 o'clock laid my course for town - left at E.Waters' 2 whip saws to be filed which when I returned found well executed.

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March 1825 Paid a friendly visit to Hall & Blackmer who were in their office & rec'd from them \$5. a piece towards their accounts - they complained that it was hard obtaining money - next visited the P.O. where I saw old Mr Hall Blackmer Cl'k & sons, uncle S.Robinson, Turner Hills, & others - borrowed the cash paid N.Y. American - saw in his office Col Merrill who gave me good encouragement as to pay - thought before long he should be able to hand over







Borrowed money paid. all that he owed me. Since my seeing Mr B. on Monday, nothing arrived from him. At Dr Swift's got half an ounce of the oil of vitriol, pd for it & \$6. besides towards borrowed money - Paid F.Blackmer & Co before going up to the hill \$6. borrowed money in full - See March 2d - Mr Gleason who was on horseback accompanied me on my way home - we overtook Mr Kent, who by invitation came to our house & took a glass of cider, and after some friendly chit chat went home. Chas Brown bro't from S. Lawrence's his chest containing his effects to our house - G.Potter Gr Potter rode away J.Rog's mare on Friday morning with out saddle between him & her back - swapped her away - more I have not information nor time to write. Rec'd pr J.Rog. from Gov. Tichenor Memoirs of the Board of Agriculture of the State of N.York, Vol 2, 1823 -which he lent to me - for which I ought to be very thankful. Bo't of F.Blackmer & Co on cr 1 pap'r pins - 0/9. H.Debar some part of the day joined himself with J.M.B.Spencer shooting at mark. Robins & bluebirds made their appearance about this time.

SUNDAY, MARCH 13 Very fine, clr air - wd N. - grass started a little, Read a few articles in the "Memoirs" - Wrote Jour'l  
Calves Attended to affairs at the barn. We numbered 5 calves, of which the  
H.Debar youngest, belonging to the Wild cow was one day old. H.Debar this evening near sunset rec'd in full from a young man named Darius Brigg's  
Cash. \$3.50 - the three dollar bank note was then first I had seen on the  
Duncan. Chymical Bank. J.Mart. Jr & Mr Duncan, likewise Mr K., paid us severally their respects to us. Father waited upon his youngest daughter to  
Brackett. meeting where a Mr Brackett preached - put in largely for getting up a new Society for Missionary purposes.

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March 1825 MONDAY, MARCH 14 Extremely fair till tow'd evening when there app'd some mackerel sky indicating the approach of some sort of storm. It seemed warm to persons employed at hard labor, but there was a chilly wind from N. most of the day - late P.M. & in the evg it was S. Sawing wood was again our great business. Mr Kent with his saw pruned app. trees in the N. orchard, receiving the limbs for pay - rec'd in full from him this morn'g 18-3/4" for 3 p.b'y. Mr C.Bliss this day by paying \$12.82" including J.Rog's due bill (on which I promptly rec'd pay) from the latter) redeemed his note given me on the 22nd November 1824 - Rec'd also from J.Rogers \$1.25" for 1 bhl wht & 25" rejoicing money. Mr Parsons kept us good company a part of the time.  
C.Brown C. Brown mended shoes or boots for himself - split wood for us a little while before the sun rested behind Mt Anthony & retired to the house to sweetly enjoy the verse of Burns. Damia, past noon or about mid-day, Cousin A. Stone drove off in the litt. wagg. for Hoosick Falls with cousin Annis Stone who now calculated to go to Troy soon & after remaining there till after the opening of the canal, when she would embark for Scipio. J.Rog. returned with his mare from Algiers, a trade made by friend Potter proving abortive with reg'd to her, however P. succeeded according to his wishes in purchasing a valu horse of Mr Kimball of Pown'1 for \$60. sd to be really worth \$80. H.Debar, took fiddling satisfaction at H.Waters in the early part of the day - P.M. he later rec'd the company of Hiram Sibley who had recently from visiting his relatives at the E'd - had lost his father & been himself very sick (Dec'r 23) Read without much profit Hallam's Mid. Ages - wound off with Eaton's survey of Renns'r County, N.Y. A sixth calf was added to our number last eve'g, pr the H.Blackmer little 3 yr old black cow. Hiram Blackmer was pronounced dangerously ill at his brother Frank's - Hummiston rec'd 1-1/2 lbs butter pr O.W. Mrs Field Daniels on cr at 0/9. Mrs Field with her daughter Nahcy visited our Bisbee. ladies this P.M. I agreed to let Mr Bisbee have our veal calves this







season at \$2.37" a piece, to be taken away at 4 weeks & 3 days old - tho't afterwards of trying to get it reviewed to see if we could not do better - to pay for half he received by June 1

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March 1825  
Ploughing.  
Kent.  
C.Brown.  
H.Debar  
O.W.  
Daniels  
Mrs Parsons.

TUESDAY, MARCH 15 So warm & pleasant that many farmers as I was informed commenced plowing in various parts of the country My youngest sister who this P.M. arrived from Hoosick told me that Mr N. Bishop at the Falls planted potatoes on the 4th inst. We continued sawing wood - Mr Kent drew apple tree brush from our premises to his house with our team. Chas Brown had a desire to work for us but his cold came on so violently upon him that, after splitting up one or two logs he thought it prudent to retreat within doors, where he pursued his painting & reading Burns. H.Debar went to Williamstown for H.Waters, returned with a fife made by Shattuck - W. came down in the evening & tried it - sounded well. D.found most of the way dry going. O.W.Daniels came down to tarry over night. Mrs Parsons accompanied by young Annis, paid a short visit early in the eve'g. Read Hallam dryly.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16 The S. wind blew strong all day, bro't on clouds, some rain P.M. & late in the evening a violent storm of rain mingled with some hail & snow ensued. Our wood was suffered to lay still. After duly regulating the herd & flock some time was consumed in setting up the rainwater cistern, which was first rinsed - See p P.M. gaps through our own & a number through the Brown line fences facing the E. side of their W. wood lot were shut up - respecting the latter we felt indignant - to be obliged to put up so much fence & have our land badly rutted by heavy cart loads passing over it, we felt to be Mrs Waters quite unneighborly. Mrs Waters & Mrs L.Hills spent the early part of Mrs L Hill the P.M. here - Sally with Mrs Parsons visited the lady of E.Fay Jun - Mrs Pars' returned with news that the widow of Esq Jewett was not likely to continue long and that Eunice J. had the measles. J.Rog. rode his mare abroad - spent most of the day trying to trade with E.Montague - the latter had been lately unlucky - advanced \$20. cash to Hazen Story to purchase of him a set of tools, having previously hired him for several months at the joiner business, with which he made off to parts unknown. H.Debar enjoyed a good deal of good at H.W's shop. C.Brown drew pictures nearly all day.

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March 1825  
Capt N.  
sows wh't

Capt Norton I am told sowed spring wheat this day back of his barn - said it was rather muddy sawing - Mr Kent framed a harrow for the Norton's.

THURSDAY, MARCH 17 Very pleas't & extremely warm all the morning, nor was there much alteration till past 2 P.M. when it began to appear likely to rain - past 4 continued very warm - a smart thunder shower ensued - no small quantity of rain descended - rained a good deal last night - snow mostly off on low grounds - melting away rapidly on the mountains - frost had nearly left the earth as was supposed. Same business - assisted half a day by W.Bates who brought with beetle & wedges. Our young stock at the barn engrossed much of our attention, but in spite of all that, the calf mentioned on the 13th was found dead this morning, occasioned as we presumed upon examination by an obstruction in the urinary passage - J.Rogers was employed to skin the carcass, after which his health being bad he performed but little. H.Debar rode to town A.M. Procured a gun with which P.M. he amused himself some besides sitting with J.Rogers about the woodpile & passing a few lively jokes with Kent who pruned app. trees for us. Charles Brown visited the S.E. part of the town & ret'd with \$5. cash which he







Duncan gathered from his late employers. Mr J. Duncan breakfasted here this m'g & went to work for Lawyer Squire. Cousin Harry, his son, informed S. Duncan us that his brother Samuel was engaged to E. Carpenter until 21 yrs of age, for \$100 cash, his clothing & 9 months schooling (See Feb 23) W. Bates was not here P.M.

FRIDAY, MARCH 18 Strong N.W. wind, flying clds, freezing cold at night. No variation of business. Chas Brown visited his brother at Capt Burt's, returned here, supped, waited while I Letter to composed a short letter to Miss P. Barber strongly urging her to come P.B. to our house to reside during the present season & such kind of stuff, Noble which having finished he took it & departed early in the evening to Dimmick. lodge with Noble Dimmick, that he might next morning start for Berlin, N.Y. with him, expecting he would carry him as far as the Kitchen. Gleason Past noon I visited our new neighbors - Mrs G's - found them seated around a good fire enjoying compleat domestic tranquility as far as I could judge.

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March Staidd but a short time 7 came away without making any special errand. 1925 H. Debar with horse & wagg conveyed P.M. ab't 1-1/2 bhls corn from L. Norton Esq to Chandler's to pay for wagg. & horse hire - see p.655 - Daniels 9th line from top. Towards night Mr T. Daniels accompanied by his two S. Martin- sons, O.W. & S. & his neighbor, Mr S. Martindale - an agreement was verbally made that one of the twoboys, at Mr D's option, whould work for others of us the ensuing season at \$6. pr month, beginning at the usual time, Pownal. would inform on the following Thursday which of the two boys we should have. Just after their departure three other Pownal characters made a short call - father took the eldest gent. to be Jer. Eldred - Sally Inaugural said it was not - so let it stand. I read to fsther Mr Adams' Inaug- Address. ural Address, which we highly esteemed. Lydia & Fiadama paid an P.M Visit at visit to Mrs Hills at her father's - the latter attended singing school Capt. with Miss L. Norton in the eve'g. Capt N. they said was reading Las Cases Norton's Cases about these days.

SATURDAY, MARCH 19 The gr'd was frozen hard on the surface in the morning - a fine day followed, pretty warm, except a chilling blast now & then from the N. P.M. & eve'g it was S. North'n Lights. Until noon we were getting round small timber for alteration of Wood shed our wood shantee. P.M. several boat loads of bass wood were drawn round repairs. towards the rear of the wood pile - meantime J. Rog's who was waiting for H. Debar us to be done using the team that he might draw for his wife himself a J. Rogers load of wood, lay, accompanied by a brother snob, basking in the fair Duncan sunshine - many fine jokes were cracked - at length Mr D. who had finished thrashing Lawyer S's wheat, joined the squad - also Mr K. & H. borrows Debar the company being served with some cider soon dispersed. Jon. to Watts on getting wood - D. after borrowing of me Watt's on the Mind, to Pow'l the Mind. mountain. I prepared for town - marched on foot - made some little Bliss. halt at Mr Bliss' where Mr Bates stood talking with Mr B. - by the "scringe" as his phrase is

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March At Dr N. Swift's paid to Ed. H. \$14.00 one of which was in specie. The 1825 store appeared to be pretty full of people - no clerk except Ed. H. Scott Hiram Scott was there - wanted to know who it was I sent to his house the other day? Answered that it was Charles Brown, wished to be informed what quantity of potatoes he rec'd of us - I replied 6 bhls - which made the debt \$1.50 - He then went on with his usual stuff, making some excuses & handsome promises professions, telling what a fine crop







of potatoes he raised from the above which he planted - was then waiting for a man whom he momentarily expected there from the Furnace with money, out of which he would pay me - came up into town solely for that purpose Without paying much attention to this hollow soul, shaped my course for the P.)ffice - procured Rad Wood for the ladies to read, having returned B. Hall previously. Saw there D. Rob'n Jr & Martin the Schoolmaster. Called a little while at Dr H. Swift's where besides their little family saw W. Durrell - Mrs Dickinson (on a visit) & Jab. Elwell. Here I sought & obtained some materials for my letter to Capt M.Scott, among the rest the marriage of Varder McEowen to Miss Jennette Caldwell on the 17th inst. From the Dr's I made the best of my way home, found her here S. Duncan who came down to apologize for his not entering our service as talked of -, we told him, what was strictly true, that it was no disappointment or damage to us. I added what had been collected, to the Scott letter. Wrote Journ'l for this day & retired to rest, not a little troubled with a bad cold. Rec'd at Mr Chandler's a brand for B. Harwood - thus - BH. H.Debar passed away his time in much the usual way.

SUNDAY (MONDAY) MARCH 20 Some flying clds - but mostly fair - dry - wd N. Took with me Hallam which I read a little as I walked to the house of L. Norton where I arrived just as his wife & little family were snugly placed in their 2 h. waggon for church - I said just at that time, but on reflection, it was a little before. Books He shewed me Baker's translation of Living's History of Rome, 6 Vols Octavo, price \$25. - looked in that read - read one lengthy good speech there by

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March 1825 a Patrician in favor of continuing the siege of Veri through the winter - Looked a little at an article or 2 in Ree's Cyclopoedia, borrowed of Peters. My friend led me into his front apartments where he shewed me the Map of Vermont and several articles of fine crockery, elegant mahogany furniture &c &c &c gave me a glass of wine likewise. At the return of his people from Public Service I drew off for home. B.Loomis, J. Martindale Jr & N.Norton visited us this eve'g. Charles Brown arrived from Berlin, found his people there & at Petersburg in health, bro't no word or letter from P. Barber - her sister told him that she said she hoped I would ~~like-some-one~~ hire someone else (pp 607-611)

MONDAY, MARCH 21st Frozen & some cloudy in the morning, but it became a fine day, pretty keen air, wind N. We hoisted the ridge of our wood shed, assisted by Mr Kent, took off the roof entirely & replaced a part of it. C.Brown visited Blackmer's & bro't us 2 lbs cut nails - Mr Henry Brown from Berlin arrived with his sister. H.Brown & sister. Amanda - the former & Charles held several dialogues on grammar. Edgerton H. Debar waited upon Damia and Miss Br to a little party at Edgerton's - Hand (D) played the violin there - lodged here with with H.D'r. Deacon Hendryx dined here this day.

TUESDAY, MARCH 22 Cold frozen m'g, fine day, but chilly under a heavy press of N. wind. We piled wood within the shed - it was judged that we had about ten cords dry wood on hand - say shantee 1/2 full (P.554) Mr B. & his sister visited their mother at Capt N's, returned here at night, more grammatical conversation ensued. Letter to H. B. wrote copies of the angular hand-writing for friend Cha's. I P.B. again addressed a letter to Miss Barber in which some clumsy compliments were paid her & her family & that of Mr Phillips, not missing, by any means, cous. Margaret - requested to have information left at







gen. Worthington's, to what place I must go to find her - also if she could without too much trouble, be at gen. W's at noon 2d of April it would oblige me, that being the day, if fair, I was going after her. Had a bad toothache.

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March 1825  
J.Rog.  
H.Debar.  
O.W.D.  
Gleason.  
Death of old Mrs Jewett

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23 Frozen morning, fine day, wind N. Worked at wood as usual. J.Rog. & Hen Debar rode off in J.Norton's fine waggon to Pownal town-meeting, drawn by the mare of the former with the horse of G.Potter. Henry Brown & his sister started off for Berlin. C.Brown visited town & assisted his people (mother & youngest sister) about preparing to starting off to Middleboro, Ms. Mr Gleason, B.Loomis & O.W.Daniels visited here this evening - the first wanted to borrow the litt. wagg. - we hated to lend it - & finally got off without - he wanted the vehicle to convey his lady in to Williamstown. N.Robinson bro't his sister Emily here on a visit in the eve'g - we rec'd 2 bhls oats & let them have 2 bhls wheat. Mrs Eunice Jewett, aged de- parted this life, without any other apparent disease than age, this PM

C.Brown  
Mr Kent  
H.Debar

THURSDAY, MARCH 24 A real cold morning, followed by a fine day. We continued busy at splitting & piling wood, assisted by C.Brown, who, this morning returned from A.Dimmicks - where he witnessed the deaprture of his mother & sister to Midd'boro, Ms. under the care of Nob. Dimmick in a l h.wagg. Mr Jo Gleason, the cripple visite here this P.M. - also Mr Duncan. Mr Kent drew app. brush - Henry in th the small wagg. procured for Dama some rose-bushes which he assisted in transplanting. J.Norton Jun sent up word by O.W.Daniels to H.Debat to have him go to Troy on the morrow

Funeral

FRIDAY, MARCH 25 Hazy & chilly - wind N. Having attended to our usual avocations - about ten o'clock went down to attend the funeral of Mrs Jewett. The service was mostly performed by t hat plain Rhode Island old man Elder Bennett from Pownal - whose dis course excited more of merriment than its opposite. Most of the neigh hors and many persons from other quarters gave attendance. When I re- turned from the fineral spent the remainder of the dzy writing my let- ter to Capt. M. Scott under the direction of Mrs L.Waters, Miss Lucy Street & sister Dama; there were some pretty queer stories inserted which if time would permit I would copy. H.Debar went to Troy for J. Norton - wrote by him to P.M.Armstrong for my music.

School Meeting.  
H.Hall.

SATURDAY, March 26 Cold hail & snow storm from the E. Piling wood continued. The stock, sheep & lambs were looked after. Toward night attended a school meeting - Mr Kent, Mr L.Nort Jr Mr R.Carpenter & Mr L. Jewett were present - agreed to leave it all to the committee. Cha's Brown rec'd for me \$2.37-1/2" from H. Hall in full. H.Debar got home from Troy. C.B. bo't for me 1 qr pap'r at Clark's on my acc't.

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March 1825  
C.Brown

SUNDAY, MARCH 27 Gloomy, chilly - a little storm from the E. Read the dry pages of Hallam, some of the time. Father & our Dam attended public service. J.Mart & H.Debat spent the day here C.Brown exercised his skill in penmanship







MONDAY, MARCH 28 Fair - very cold - wind high N.W. We piled wood.  
My eldest uncle, Clark Harwood, arrived here accom-  
C.Brown panied by Henry Robinson. Charles Brown visited the furnace.

TUESDAY, MARCH 29 Cold morning, froze hard - a good day followed.  
Visit H. Went with oxen & waggon to Capt. Dimmicks to get a  
Dimmick. few boards - found Horace S.E. of the house cutting bushes - had much  
conversation on various subjects - dined - loaded 5 pine boards & the  
old wood sleigh with which returned ere late P.M. - obtained harness  
C.Brown at Gleason's. Uncle C. & C.Brown assisted at wood. Mrs Parsons &  
young Annis - also D.Waters paid our ladies a visit.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30 A furious storm of, first, snow, then hail & last of  
all rain came on before noon & lasted till evening  
Town from S.W. Our town meeting turned out very pleasing to me & those of  
Meeting. my sentiments. W. Henry, Moderator - W. Haswell, Clerk by 120 majority  
over S.H. Blackmer. C. Cushman, D. Breckenridge, Enos Rudd, S. Loomis & G.  
Blackmer, Selectmen. S. Safford, Treasurer. Listers, Turner Hills &  
N. Edgeron, first & second constables. The report of the committee to  
settle with the Selectmen & Treasurer of the town I heard read, but my  
attention was so diverted from it that I am unable to state anything of  
importance respecting it. I will only mention that it appeared the  
town had expended \$30. more than their income. The taxes I did not  
sufficiently attend to, to able to state the amount on the dollar.  
One hundred dollars was appropriated to be expended on the road from  
the foot of the mountain meeting house hill to the furnace & a like sum  
on the road N. of Capt Hills' - for which last the town stood indicted  
- the selectmen were authorized to lay out more money for these roads  
if it could be spared. Mr Bisbee came into a verbal agreement to gen-  
Letter to erally pay down for calves, lambs &c. Forwarded my letter to M. Scott of  
M. Scott. P. Du Chien which was well

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April filled with all sorts of nonsense. Talked with Mr L. Sherwood sometime  
1825 at Clark's - Rec'r from Col. Merrill tow'd acc't \$10. in Troy money.  
Poll tax Paid to T. Hills my poll tax which accrued on account of the neglect of  
paid. my Capt. \$1.10" - also paid to Mr Peters, collector, L. Patchin Esq  
Peters' \$9.28", my father's tax in full - there was a poll tax against me of  
tax paid. 88" which I refused to pay on account of being equipp'd for military  
Goldsmith duty. Took Goldsmith's Philosophy out of the Library.  
philosophy.

THURSDAY, MARCH 31 Some cloudy & showery - chilly w'd from N.W. Chas  
C.Brown. Brown assisted me in drawing wood from the meadow  
H. Debar which was left there on the 8 & 9 of Feb'y - tow'd eve'g H. Debar went t  
C. Harwood to mill for Mr Parsons. Uncle Clark sawed wood with a handsaw. Mr  
Gleason had the bigg wagg. to go to Loomis'

FRIDAY, APRIL 1st High chilly N.W. wind - flying clds - Finished draw  
Mr Kent. ing wood from the meadow. Mr Kent had oxen to  
Humiston transport a few old things from the old Riley place - Hummiston having  
C.Brown within a day or two quit his residence there. Uncle Clark procured a  
S.H. Black-new file at Blackmer's with which he filed the handsaw. Charles worked  
mer. for us. Rode with Dama to Algiers, borrowed buffalo skin of L. Norton  
Esq. Brought home grist for Parsons. Called on S.H. Blackmer to get  
money, it was long before the subject was broached - and when it was I  
treated it in a manner the most tenderly that I was master of - Obtain-  
ed none. A. Rob. & P. Dewey I saw there.







Dr Swift SATURDAY, APRIL 2d Paid to Dr Swift one dollar. Very fine but chilly cash. wind S.E., became hazy & cloudy - before & after night came on. Rode to Petersburg along with uncle C. in the big wagg Journey - found P.Barber & our cousin Margaret Harwood at A.Worthington's who to Peters burgh. rode to Mr Phillips' where we found the people in good health. On the 18th ult Mrs Green, the mother of Mrs P. departed this life after a short illness, in the 68th year of her age. Visited old Mr Barber whom I found tolerably comfortable, tho' not well. We passed a pleasant evening with Mr P. & family.

SUNDAY, APRIL 3d Freezing cold in the morning - snow expected - P.M. became warmer - cloudy & hazy - w'd N. Breakfasted at Mr Barber's then where I saw P's brother William who told me that he intended going to the W. with Seth Worthington to work at the carpenters business. Agreed with our friend Patience

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April 1825. to come over and work for us on some day between the 1st & 10th of May next. I proposed giving her 75" pr week to which she did not object. Towards noon, having made a delightful visit, we started for home, crossed over by Cases', but when we went down, our route was by Pownal meeting house, crossing the river at Vosburg's bridge - the ford at C's was safe - at Ingham's at the foot of the hill beyond the Pool watered my horses - the whole family were just gone away up the hill. We were put to some small vexation where they had changed the direction of the road by adhering to the old way, which obliged us to put about again in order to resume the direct route. Arrived here about 4 P.M. - Lyman Sherwood tarried over night with us. Mr Hummiston paid us in full \$1. for butter. B.Loomis paid his regards to us - J.Rogers on Saturday, with his horse friend DeBar visited H. 4 C's and there exchanged his mare for a horse trade. which was reared on this farm - See Nov 5 1820 - See Aug 1819.

Calves. MONDAY, APRIL 4 Fine & fair, gentle wind from N.W. Two calves, the one belonging to the cow called young Star, over 4 weeks old & not the first rate veal apparently, & the other less than 4 weeks old, but fine veal, were sold to Mr Bisbee. He paid us \$2.25". Bisbee. Sylvanious Daniels commenced working for us 7 months at \$6. per month - S.Daniels Plowed with oxen in the field this side the y'g orchard. Father began Sp'g wh't soaking sp'g wh't for seed. Uncle C. assisted us at knocking dung in the meadows. Sold 1/2 bhl wh't to Mr Gleason for 2-1/2 bhls oats. At L.Norton night paid a visit to L.Norton Esq - Mr & Mrs Hummiston were present. J.Rogers. For amusement played on a small flute. J.Rog. with his horse & our mare drew wood to the Dr Swift house for his future use, assisted by H. C.Brown Debar. L.Sherwood rode off this morning in his gig. Charles Brown was H.Debar. conveyed by means of horse, wagg. & H.Debar to the school-house in Lawrence's neighborhood to commence his years engagement at teaching for \$120. the year. Henry Robinson rode away the young bay horse which I had to go to Petersburg on on Sunday- Saturday (H.Harwood) H.Waters & Cash pr B.Loomis staid with us all night. Charles Brown lent me this morning pr Brown. pr H.Debar, \$4. in money.







April 1825 TUESDAY, APRIL 5 Fine & fair, wind N. A.M. S.P.M. warmish. Mending fences, E. & S. sides of the farm principally - Uncle Clark accompanied us - We found our fences standing remarkably well - perhaps wind during winter never occasioned less damage in that respect. P.M. we were occupied in spreading manure in the S. meadow - Removal of uncle C. assisted with a hoe - Sylvanus pursued his plough. J. Rogers & J. Rog's & family with most of their effects removed to Dr Swift's homestead - for family. about half (the S. part) of the mansion the D's terms were \$30. pr year Cash pr Rec'd from H. Debar fifty cents cash towards a tanned calf skin sold to H. Debar him in Jan'y I think. The ladies were absent this evening. Arch'd Dun can staid here this night.

Mr Kent WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6 Hazy & cldy - wd S.W. - began to rain tow'd night - wd then blew chilly from N. Our boy & myself with each a plough cross-plowed for wheat, had J. Rog's horse for a part of a team. A land roller was built by Mr Kent, assisted some by uncle C. some hoops were shaved by the former. Dung was spread by father & c. Spent an hour at the J. Rog. house with H. Debar playing the fidd. sounded some handsome.

Wheat sown. B Harw'd THURSDAY, APRIL 7 Very high N.W. wind, some flying clds, fine P.M. Two acres and little more was sown with sp'g wh't by father - harrowed in by Sylvanus. P.M. the fence on the N. Brown line was repaired as well as some others. Uncle C. having visited his friend Letter from Waters returned towards night & assisted in erecting the loom. Henry, J. Rogers & Parsons were present. A letter was received from our friend Branford at Branford, Conn. dated March 12 stating among other articles that G. Stone was married to Miss Lois Palmer some months since - now had a young daughter - that Mr Jairus Harrison was lately drowned in pursuin his cow adross the river. On the 5th inst we paid pr the hand of H. Edgerton Debar to H. Edgerton for a sow \$7.00 - the property was taken possession of on the 2nd inst sow.

H. Debar. FRIDAY, APRIL 8 Fine - wind N.W. Sowed plaster chiefly. Henry rode out with mother - played the fidd. & otherwise amus Wh't fielded himself. Sylvanus manned the roller in rolling down the wheat ground rolled. Uncle C. made a set of skarn sticks. The hay on hand constituted a C. Harwood block 19 feet long, 12 high & 11 wide. See April 1st 1924 - The above Hay. mow was measured this day at night.

April 1825 SATURDAY, APRIL 9 Fine, warm & clear. Before noon I travelled to H. Dimmicks' - found the old gentleman fixing his tobacco - Horace left mending his harrow to go with me to Brown & Turner' saw mill - we found a less quantity of stuff sawed than was expected on account of Mr B's having some pressing engagements to fulfill since my friend had drawn on his logs - but the next week his logs would certainly be sawed. We stuck up 357 feet, that they might dry against my going after them. Returned around the N. end of the swamp (we crossed it in our way to the mill) - drank some cider with Horace - left him ready or preparing to be ready to sow oats N. of the house - reached home before night - felt weary - had a kind of rheumatic pain in the left shoulder & arm. Father visited D's mill twice and had a considerable grist of rye & corn ground for hogs - the first time he carried Mother with him E. Montague & agreed to have E. Montague settle an account against us at S. Hinsdill' of 14 or 15 dollars - which should be credited to him towards sap buskets & other articles - the last trip saw Bisbee & rec'd tow'd calves \$2.25" making in all \$4.50" rec'd since the 4th inst. A singing lecture was preached by Mr Peters I believe, music performed by Mr Dunton & his new choir - Dama, Lydia & H. Debar attended. We paid up Mr D. our sub- Boards







scription , yesterday, pr R.Crossett - one dollar. This eve'g friend Parsons lent me a paper in which there were extracts from the annual Canal Report. Charles Brown was out of his school this day & tsrried C.Harwood here. Uncle C. kept busy about the loom department.

SUNDAY, APRIL 10 Mild & hazy - tow'd eve. w'd arose from the N - grew cold. Employed as usual. Father & Lydia visited the house of worship - Damia remained at J.Rog's - J.R. Messrs Kent & Parsons as well as the Duncan boys visited us at various times of the day . B.Loomis & H.Debar carried a jug of cider from this to their friend to the N. C.Brown wrote after Huntington's copper-plates - went to his Dist't towards evening.

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April 1825 Plaster Phillips. Uncle Clark. C.Waters Gleason. Duncan. MONDAY, APRIL 11 High N.wind - chilly with some slight showers of fine rain. Plaster was sown on the clover field S. of the J.Rog. house - and on the W. and some of the N. part of the sout meadow - two thirds of the P.M. spent working at the woodpile. Sylvanus continued ploughing in the upper part of the S. meadow. We rec'd late P.M. Mr Phillips' with his lady, daughter, Susan, cousin Margaret & Mrs P's babe. Uncle C. turned out 41 spools at Waters'. Caroline Waters paid us a visit. H.Debar was sent to Blackmer's at night for 1/2 lb tea and procured the same called Old Hyson - for which they charged 4/0. Mr Gleason used our big wagg. & paid us 2-1/2 bhls oats in full for 1/2 bhl wheat. Mr Duncan & his son Arch'd visited us - the latter was to commence working early on the morrow at R.Carpenters' two thirds of the ensuing season.

Snow. TUESDAY, APRIL 12 Snow flew this morning from N.W. - it was chilly, cloudy & gloomy all day. The main farming business was carting manure on to the field N. of the barn - say 15 loads. Manure. Mr P. & his people, including cousin Margaret, started for home, a lit- Phillips the before noon after making us a short but very pleasant business Margaret Harwood. visit. He exchanged with us 10 bhls oats for 2 bhls wheat. Lydia & Visit at Dama visited at uncle S.Robinson's - found them getting better - aunt S S.Rob's and cousin P. having been ill of late. Uncle C. assisted father P.M. Brchard at prining the orch'd called his. Early in the evening came here S. pruned. Waters, H.Debar, L.D.Hand, with instruments of music - the latter went HW & HD home. Uncle C. & H.Waters talked upon their business or particular J.Rogers calling. On Monday I am informed that J.Rog. sold his horse to J.F.Bil ling for \$20 cash, a good watch valued at \$10 & B's note for \$10 more payable at the expiration of 80 days. (60)

Clark WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13 Raw, cldy & chilly - wind N. Pursued my Jour'l pret ty closely. Learned under the instruction of Clark Harwood. Harwood, my uncle, the use of board measure as delineated on our square Attended a school meeting of Dist. No. 2 - there were present - S.Loo- School- mis, T.C.Parsons, L.Norton, Reynolds Carpenter, Hummiston & P.Smith. meeting. Voted that J.Norton Jr be a member of the School committee vice S.Loo- mis resigned. L.Norton, trustee, exhibited a sum

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April 1825 of money amounting to \$39.18" drawn for this District from the sum rais ed by the two cent tax. There was due Mr Kinsley our late teacher about \$35.00 and it was proposed that if he would throww off two D's or so, that he should be paid out of the money now in the hands of the Trustee, but if he should decline making any deduction, then according to the contract made with him by the Committee, he must collect all that remained due after receiving what the old one cent tax would raise - it not being then known that the Legislature was going to in-







crease the tax. Mr Bates our School Master was present, & I understood that the Committee hired him for months at the rate of \$10.00", he boarding himself. I called at Major L.Norton's - viewed his stock to which he had lately added 16 hd of two y'r steers, which he bought of A.Harmon Jr at 5-1/2 dollars pr hd - Spent the evening very agreeably - played the flute badly - talked of Revolutionary times with Luman & his father - came away past 9 - got home before the folks retired to rest. Mr Harmon Jr had retired to his Clark farm - left off dairying - Sylvanus faithfully stuck by us through the day - H.Debar was off among his friends - did not play his fiddle much. This was Fast Day

THURSDAY, APRIL 14 Cold, chilling wind from N.W. Bright N. lights were seen this evening. Father was rather unwell - we carted 18 l'ds manure. Uncle C. saw Dr Swift & bo't a sett of plane irons 78" - made weaving table to aid in that useful branch of business J.Rogers borrowed this morning I think four joints of our small stove pipe. H.Waters tarried last night with his friend H.Debar - the latter settled this evening with the Nortons'. Mrs Gleason, Mrs Bates & Mrs Company Parsons visited here P.M.

FRIDAY, APRIL 15 Handsome indeed - warm P.M. Contin'd carting manure. Henry was assisted some in fiddling some by his fri'd B. Har'd- Hand. Uncle C. contin'd making plane stocks at Waters'. Made settlement with H.Debar, who after making endorsements on his notes up to this date, owed me on acc't \$12.24" - he bro't home his big chest. Mr Kent p'd us an eve'g visit - also C.Stone who slept here. We could show 8 neat young pigs at the barn - See Ap. 7

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April 1825 SATURDAY, APRIL 16 Very fine & warm - wind S. tow'd eve'g. By ab't noon finished manuring the land intended for a corn field - lying N. of the barn adjoining the Brown farm, consisting of rather over 2 acres on which we laid about 56 loads, 5 of which were taken from the hog sty. P.M. Dama's door yard was manured - also the door yard garden which was ploughed, the path through the meadow harrowed & rolled - cart from Gleason's taken to Maj'r Luman's - Sylvanus at night J.Rog's went home. J.Rog's, late P.M., butchered a very lean calf. Uncle C. C.Harwood had finished one of his planes - relared some important fragments of H.Debar. Roman History this eve'g. Henry Debar, after going to the Old Fuller house to get 75" due from Nob. Dimmick, lent Jan'y 21 1825 who sent him to C.Brown, which last sent him to me, & I paid him the same towards the cash borrowed on the 4th inst. Henry having transported his chest to town & made all due preparations, departed in the stage for Troy. Paid to Uncle C. for a penknife 25 cents. Sold to L.Norton on cr 1 bhl wheat.

SUNDAY, APRIL 17 Smoky & extremely warm - became cloudy before night wind fresh from S. & app'd quite likely for rain. In my notice of the proceedings of the preceding day forgot to insert that Mr Jesse Field with Rev. Peters paid the family & mother particularly, a visit - prayed & dined. Also that one of those three-penny pedlars mentioned p. 653 made application along with another of the dear crew to tarry over night with us, but recollecting their mode of chuckling together about their fine bargains &c., and plainly telling him what I thought of the Connecticut pedlars, he & his comrade sought other quarters. This dzy accompanied by my wife & sister Lydia visited, having Pope's Essay on Man with me, Mount Anthony not far from the high est peak, ascending it through the N. clump of pines, looked off at the







nose above the house - visited the Bald Hill - staid there some time to enjoy the prospect which is really fine in clear weather & although pretty smoky now, yet it was very pleasing - after viewing the fine landscape as long as we wished to, descended the E. side where it was very steep into the old Street lot - By this time my ladies were extremely fatigued - here the dog found a wood-chuck under a large flat rock - so situated that we could see & touch him with poles, but after laboring awhile we abandoned the undertaking as hopeless & arrived here at about 4 o'clock P.M. Father attended service - Uncle C. visited Algiers -

S. Robinson Uncle S. Robinson waited upon aunt Sarah down here on a visit. Mr Kent & lady. visited us this eve'g. H. & A. Parsons paid their respects from Hoosick H&A Parsons

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MONDAY, APRIL 18

Plaster  
sowing.

Acc'ts  
Mrs K.

C. Harwood

Some smoky, cldy - high soft wind N.W., P.M. Had rained a little during the preceding night. By means of horse & wagg. transported plaster, sufficient to sow over the W. pasture, which being finished we employed the latter part of the day in sowing the same material on the old sheep pasture N.W. of the house - Little Hopkins went with us - his mother came up to look after him. We had to quit this business on account of the wind blowing so violently. Sylvanus plowed that patch of ground mentioned p. 570 & harrowed in rather more than 1 bhl sp'g wh't which was prepared in no other way than rolling in plaster. Reckoned accounts for Sally & Mrs Kent - the spinning of the latter amounted to 8/0 tow'd which she had rec'd in butter, cheese & brandy 56 cents. Messrs Kent & Parsons visited us this day eve'g - K. paid in full for br. 25". Uncle C. I think finished his table of weaving calculations.

TUESDAY, APRIL 19

Plaster  
sowing  
finished

L. Sherw'd  
Sen. &  
Son.  
Young  
trees.

E. Montague

Hinsdill

Pretty chilly this morning - we thought it might be like the morning of the day on which commenced our Grand Revolution - mild mid-day - Rained from the S. pretty tedious late in the day. We closed the business of sowing plaster sometime before noon - about which time Mr L. Sherwood & his son Lyman arrived. Our time was with them very agreeably spent - after dinner they left us, having procured a few shrubs & roots of Damia & a few pear trees of us. P.M. we planted 5 or 6 app. trees in vacant parts of the young orchard, Uncle C. assisted. Young Daniels rolled the ground mentioned on the 18 inst & finished the field in which J. Rog. raised corn, 1824. Tow'd evening rode to town - visited Clark's & Dr Swift's - saw at the latter place E. Montague who informed me that he had mentioned to Mr Hinsdill his assumption of our debt there - which pleased him well - Asher Prentiss accompanied him - many people were present at the Doctor's - I bo't 4 lbs cuts & 1 lb wrought nails on cr. At C's saw a youngish man named Jones call for a letter which he had mailed at Manchester addressed to Mr Cook of Hartford, C't which was given him upon his paying postage to that City. Paid for C. Brown \$1.50" to Dr Swift.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20

Young  
maples  
planted.

Hazy with strong wind N.W., cold, exceedingly so at night. Oats which were rolled in plaster were sown on the plowed land in the S. meadow - S. Daniels kept the harrow in motion. P.M. we procured 6 y'g maples from the grove & planted them on the E. side of the milking yard. Uncle C. contin'd gardening - bo't sugar & hotspur peas at Blackmer's - 1 pap'r of each.







April 1825 Mr Reyn. Carpenter applied to me to take his nephew Reynolds McGowen till he should be 21 years of age - a term of little more than 6 years, for which he required of me \$100 at the conclusion of that period, but Carpenter on mature deliberation did not choose to fall in with the proposition. Parsons & J.Rog. visited us this eve. Mrs Dimmick along with Mrs Louisa Merchant called here on her way to town, the latter lady had a book with Rogers. her which we anxiously wished to know the title of, but she being a Dimmick. stranger here we presumed not to ask the question. Mrs D. was the lady of our neighbor Horace D.

Cold. THURSDAY, APRIL 21 A very cold wind - stiff N. wind flying clouds - ice in wooden iron vessels was found more than an inch thick in the morning & it remained attached to the grass by the edges of Potato ground. brooks 'till past noon. About half an acre of sward in the S. meadow Sowing oats. N. of the great hole was broken up - both drove & held plow with great coat & mittens on. P.M. sowing oats W. of the old crooked bass was completed - maples lately set were secured. Uncle C. erected his work bench in the lower room of the J.Rog. - sowed peas & other garden seeds, C.Harwood planted corn and potatoes - assisted me in his shop in repairing a stab. bench. door. Drove friend P's cow out of the litt. meadow

FRIDAY, APRIL 22 Chilly winds & flying clds - Ploughing & spreading manure on the field N. of the barn made up our chief employment. Uncle C. continued gardening. Sally my dear ran us in Dr Swift d ebt at Dr Swift's \$7.11". Dama was vastly distressed with tooth-ache. Read Philosophy this evening.

SATURDAY, APRIL 23 Smoky, some cldy & warm - wind S.W. We finished the job commenced on the 22d - turned 5 young cattle into the woods pasture - we numbered 15 cows giving milk, at this time - six of which had calves by their side. Uncle C. was some out of health - Chandler got 2 wood'n pails bailed at Chandler's, the wire for which was procured at Waters' on my acc't for 0/9 - must remember to pay this. Our friend C.Brown. C.Brown came to visit us - he took a glass of wine with us at night. Daniels. Read philosophy some this eve'g. Mr Daniels wanted \$2. in money which I could not raise, but promised to do it by about the first of next month - he was to start for Troy Sunday morning. An apple tree in the Vegetation young orchard was observed to be so forward in leaf as to be apparently green on the 19th - several species of vegetation were in fine progress previous to the severe frost on the night of the 20th, but were materially checked by it - the drought began to very sensibly affect the vegetable kingdom.

SUNDAY, APRIL 24 Smoky & cldy - wind fresh from S. Father & Lydia went to church in the 1 h. wagg. J.Martindale Jr Walk. visited us - likewise Mr Keht. When I had finished writing in my book the usual task, walked on the rocks, through the woods, and returned by the young orchard to the house. Sylvanus spent his day here.

April 1825 MONDAY, APRIL 25 Very smoky this morning - the sun appearing as red as blood through this medium till past 7 or 8 o'clock. Rain was much wanted & looked for - cldy, wind S. - rained slightly late P.M. - ceased before evening - the weather was pretty Drought. mild & would if not too dry have prompted vegetztion very visibly. The Oats & flax seed business principally at home was, plowing the patch, planted last season by J.Rog in the further part of the S. meadow, with potatoes, was properly prepared, and sown with flax seed - corn ground mentioned last E.Meadow. Saturday rolled down, rails drawn from the old fence N. side of the lane to repair the fence N. & W. of the old orch'd & stakes prepared for







the same. I went to mill - waited at J.Norton's for the completion of Dama's artificial tools - arrived at Dr Swift's store & there deposited grists which I had taken in for Messrs K. & J.Rog - drove to E.Montague saw his lady very busy at her wash tub, quite pretty & sociable attended by young H.Duncan - viewed the stone granary & hog pen - found things in pretty good condition - had lately built some board fence near the house - By assistance of 2 Montague's men loaded our chaldron into the waggon - took 1 bhl slack lime & left for home - called at Dr Swift's store - saw J.Martindale there sick or complaining of ill health.

C.Brown, cash. Had \$10.25" of C. Brown's account added to mine agreeable to what was tzlkd of between him & me. Previous to this I had rec'd in cash of him \$4.00, tow'd which had paid 75" to H.Debar & \$1.50" to Dr Swift - making \$2.25" so that now (H.) C. Brown would owe me \$8.50". Paid the Cash paid bar-keeper of J. Hicks' Jr fifty cents for a plough point had on the 22 Hicks'. inst. Received from Capt Hall a certificate to sign for our attendance at court - 1822 - (1825) 1824. After my arrival here assisted in grinding uncle C's tools - Left my mare at J.Rog's to assist in plowing his garden.

Plaster. TUESDAY, APRIL 26 Cloudy, mild & warm - wind S. rained some before night. Sowed plaster on most of the wheatfield next to the y'g orch'd, the remainder was sowed over with leached ashes Calves. - new ground for potatoes harrowed over - two calves 3 months old led t to C's orch'd - first time being turned out - half wall N. & W. sides of the old orch'd staked & top railed - Mr Duncan paid us a visit this C.Harwood P.M. Uncle Clark finished his swiss for weavers - made himself several tools. J.M.B.Spencer removed from Parsons' back shop to Algiers this day.

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April 1825 WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27 Had rained a little in the night - cold ensued from N.W., flying clds. The fence E. side of the old Fences orch'd and the fence opposite was repaired. P.M. we cleared the meadow of rails belonging to the N. side of the lake above the house - old Vegetation foundation stones &c. App. trees begzn to appear green.

THURSDAY, APRIL 28 Stiff S.wind - cloudy - rain much wanted - At Brown & Turner's mill - drew out 4 stacks of hemlock Saw Mill boards sawed for H.Dimmick & put them in a way to season - came home with a load of 462 feet - including 1 of the 5 stocks last sawed. Father & S.Daniels piled a good deal of wood - cleared the yard in a measure. Uncle C. worked on his quill-wheel. I was greatly worn down at the close of this day, although my work could not be said to amount to a great sum.

Rain. FRIDAY, APRIL 29 In the course of this P.M. & night there fell a large quantity of rain, which caused a very rapid increase of vegetation - A.M. Sylvanus repaired fence - we regulated the flock in the fundamental department - P.M. while it rained many minor affairs were looked to - old cider pured in the vinegar cask - cid. bbls rinsed - board fence guage made &c.

SATURDAY, APRIL 30 Cold & chilly - flying clds - wind N. - the river ran high. Carried 10-1/2 bbls wh't to Safford's mill - agreed with Mr Decker to make a pair of cart wheels for \$9. payable at the end of 90 days from the completion of the work - Saw Mr Poole & talked with him about Reeds, agreed to make a 26, 28, 34 & 36 for \$5. but I did not firmly engage him till I should look farther - rode down to Mr S.Robinson's - took in a grist of corn to get ground at

DECKER

Wheat  
Cart-  
wheels.  
Reeds  
bought.







Hinsdill  
Account  
there.

at Walbridge's - resumed my route - was hailed by Mr I. Judd who wanted to have his debt put off till (the) fall - to which I agreed - he managed Capt Nichols' farm. At Mr Hinsdill's settled an account for 1824 amounting to \$14.04" to which was added 61 cents not included in the last years settlement - in all \$14.65" - which was balanced by transferring the same to the account of Erastus Montague - which I put to his credit after my return home - When H. first turned to his ledger he found the amount to be \$19., which I knew in all reason to be wrong according to what he & I understood 2 or 3 months since. Mr Safford & he soon found that it was by mistake in posting books - bro't on about \$4. from cousin Hiram's account.

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Soap.

Dr Swift

Book  
auction.

J.Rog's  
C.Harw'd  
Bisbee.  
Butler &  
his blind  
wife.

Little  
man.

C.Harw'd  
Dimmick.

Viewed the machinery in the factory - the water looms appeared wonderful - bo't 2 reeds of Mr H. for \$2.85" charged. - took in a cask to fill with soap - left there sometime past noon - bro't grist along to uncle Sam's - dined there - called at J.Hicks', asked his price for making & trimming common Dutch harness, which he said was \$6.00 - At Dr Swift's bo't 4 lbs br sugar & doub. bladed penknife - 44" & 30" - the last for S.Daniels. There was a book auction at Hicks' - supped at J.Rog's - my lady & litt. boy who had been there all day came home with me - Mrs Potter was there on a visit. At home father & young Daniels fixed up fences, ploughed the ground E. the Rogers' house &c. Dama staid over night at J.Rog's. On the 29th uncle C. went to cousin Stephen's & got his quill wheels turned - was socked in the bargain. Chester Bisbee took away a calf belonging to the Brockleford cow, not large, but in fine condition - 4 weeks & a day old. Old Mr Butler with his blind ugly wife paid us an unwelcome visit - went away late this morning - their plan seemed to be downright & imperative beggary - see page 668 - I saw a very small person said to be 25 years of age walking the street - his sister I was told was far less than he - they were here exhibiting themselves - singing songs &c. Uncle C. this day made progress in his quill-wheel, made the bench & framed the thing together. H.Dimmick rec'd late this P.M. seed corn

S.Harwood

C.Brown  
Death of  
Deacon  
French.

SUNDAY (Apr) MAY 1 Very chilly - high wind from N. Was much plagued with drowsiness - performed the usual routine of business - read but little & that chiefly in P's Essay on Man. Cousin Stephen Harwood & friend C. Brown visited us - the latter tarried all night. Departed this life in his 64th year Mr Jotham French, a Deacon of our church & a worthy upright citizen - resided in the N.W. part of the town.

MONDAY, MAY 2

C.Harwood  
C.Brown.

Cold, cloudy & chilly - I guess frosty - J.Martindale Jun'r worked at joiner business, employed by D.Ruttenbur. Waggoning out manure made up our farming business. P.M. father & Lydia attended the funeral of Mr French. Uncle Clark made his bit stock, bro't home a sett of weavers quills. Bo't Marshall's spring of C.Brown for 12-1/2 cr. Mr Temple of Avery N.H.

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staid here this night, had a bad sore on his left foot, the great toe being mostly gone, having been many years since as he stated frozen - the man appeared odd & crazy. The hard & long teated cows had each a calf.

TUESDAY, MAY 3d

Chilly & cloudy, wd N. Finished getting out manure Towards evening started for Algiers, called on H. Waters at Dexters' where he was framing a small barn & had measured to







H.Waters' me out of his Robinson boards, which he had lately bo't of H.Swift  
boards. (11291 feet at \$11.00 per thousand) 342 feet at \$1. per hund. Went to  
Stranger Deckers with my cart - with wagg. in tow - from F.Blackmer's conveyed  
some apples for a young man to where his team was near wid. P.Dewey's  
barn, had lived in Boston which he did not like - his name I have for-  
Decker gotten. At Decker's left directions respecting wheels - took in a grist  
of 10-1/2 wheat at the mill - on my way home borrowed of Dr Swift \$3.50  
Cash paid - paid to Hiram Waters in full for his boards near his brother's shop -  
H.Waters. \$3.42" - he assisted in loading & then rode a top of the whole to our  
J.Martin- house. J.Martindale who had finished planing his shelves, met us, turn  
dale for ed round & with W. tarried all night. Uncle C. worked in his shop.  
Ruttenbur

WEDNESDAY, MAY 4 Very cold, froze hard this morn'g. Prepared ground  
Potatoes. & planted lady-fingers. The gr'd by the big hole  
was plowed, the manure being previously spread, & harrowed over. Sally  
Soap bailed out her soap of which she had nearly 1-1/2 bbls. Leach tub fill  
boiled. ed for Lydia - Uncle Clark was this day 65 years of age - he worked at  
C.Herwood shuttles &c. - nailed many feet on to the shelf standards. The ladies  
girth day.received company - Old Mrs Norton, Mrs Aaron N., Mrs Street & Mrs P.  
Company. Waters

THURSDAY, MAY 5 A great & cold rain had visited us the preceding  
night - continued till late P.M. - snow lay on the  
mountains. Refuse cider was stored in vinegar casks - cider casks  
C.H. looked to - some boards split with the saw - quill-wheel finished by  
uncle C.

FRIDAY, MAY 6 Cldy, hazy, chilly, became warmer tow'd evening.  
Butternut pists were got out - gr'd for potatoes N.  
Bisbee. of the oat gr'd plowed. Near night Bisbee rec'd a good calf 4 weeks &  
3 days old pr L. Horn - paid us \$2. in money. Bliss, Walker & Mr D. pd  
their respects here. Geese were picked

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SATURDAY, MAY 7 Flying clds, cool, wind N. The S.E. quarter of the  
May 1825 old orchard N. of the house was ploughed up - to  
Orchard which at first I was opposed. P.M. potatoes were planted N. of the oat  
plowed. in the S. meadow. Sally cleared out & prepared the cheese press office  
Potatoes. for business. Cousin P.Robinson was brought here by her sister Emily,  
P.Robin' who rode away with her aunt Sears - cousin P. staid to pay us a visit.  
C.H. Uncle C. had a parcel of bits made by M. Norton 2d for which there was  
C.Brown. due 1 gall. brandy. Charles Brown paid me \$5.towards what I had assum  
Cash paid ed of his debt at Dr Swift's. Paid to Mr T. Daniels tow'd his boy's  
Daniels. labor in money \$2.00 & at Dr Swift's, in goods \$2.05" Parsons, Rog's  
& Darling paid a visit here this eve'g - Mr Gleason had the big wagg.  
to Will'town. J.Rogers had the 1 h. wagg. to go to Hoosick 4 Corners.

SUNDAY, MAY 8 Some cloudy - pretty mild - growing weather - wind  
Blossoms S.W. - the blossoms of cherry & plums began to show  
themselves - I was too dozy to enjoy much the pleasure of reading -  
wrote out my usual task. Father & Lydia attended meeting. Uncle C.,  
J.Mart. Mr K. & myself visited the shop. J.Martindale paid his respects here  
Wood. also Mr Wood in the evening - Read a part of Mr Clay's address.

MONDAY, MAY 9 Mild & warm, w'd S.W., growing season. Last eve'g Mr  
Bisbee Bisbee rec'd pr his son Chester a good calf pr litt  
Potatoes Black - A.M. we prepared & P.M. planted the ground by the great hole -  
C.H. uncle C. who had agreed in the former part of the day with S. Dewey for  
some beech timber, assisted in planting the potatoes on which he dropped







Cheese plast'r - Sally commenced making cheese - had 12 cows besides six that  
S.Downs. had calves - On Sunday Stephen Downs killed himself with a razor,

TUESDAY, MAY 10 S.wind & cldy - rained considerably P.M. We had  
ground harrowed for planting - father & I regulated  
gate & fence posts about the garden - P.M. he & uncle C. bro't home a  
Timber waggon load of beech wood which the latter bo't of Stephen Dewey - per-  
for tools haps there was 1/3 of cord - Sylvanus & I with machine struck out a few  
rows for plant'g but the rain drove us in. Cousin Emily came in the  
chaise on a visit - H.Waters & J.Martindale visited us this evening.

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May WEDNESDAY, MAY 11 Fair & cool, wind N. Planting corn engrossed our  
1825 chief attention. Friend Dimmick came about noon &  
Corn. performed some good offices for us - said he & his father had particu-  
Dimmick. larly provided for the sawing of our boards which they were to pay  
tow'd the mare sold them on the 5th of Jan'y last - marched off to town  
C.Harwood Cousins Polly & Emily rode home sometime in the morning - Uncle C.visi-  
ted Capt'n Norton - filed the old handsaw in style - visited town & bo'  
S W Daniela pair of spectacles at F.Blackmer & Co's. Sylvanus Daniels rode to to  
town after dark, rec'd at J.Rog's a new pair of thick shoes for which  
according to J.Rogers' direction I charged his father 9/0. Adeline was  
Esq Noble sick with measles. Esq'r Noble & lady of Pownal paid us a very good  
Bisbee. visit - the former 86, the latter 82 years of age. Chester Bisbee rode  
off with a good calf 4 weeks & 4 days old, bro't up by a cow usually  
called "Dark Line".

THURSDAY, MAY 12 Fair & pleasant, a growing season. We finished  
Corn. planting corn, just before noon & previous to dinner  
Boards. planted the potatoes around the field. P.M. father & Sylvanus set post  
in the N. orchard for enclosing the patch lately ploughed up there -  
I brought a load of boards from the Brown & Turner mill - feet -  
saw & talked a few moments with C.Brown - saw B.Loomis with Mr Duncan  
clearing off the rubbish from the Mackey house. Uncle C. boiled his  
beech timber for tools. Damia rode with mother - bo't many smallish  
Stores articles at Swift's & at Blackmer's. Uncle C. resigned his spectacles  
C.Harwood which he bo't at B. & Co's to father & got another pair that better  
Cows suited him at L.Patchin's on my account. The cows were let into the  
pastured. big pasture. N.Robinson rec'd a few hund. of hay tow'd keeping the  
bull.

FRIDAY, MAY 13 Fine growing season - Building board fence in the  
Board fence orchard made up our chief business - we sunk our  
posts of butter't partly by digging & partly by driving. P.M. uncle C  
who during the A.M. had been boiling timber for tools, assisted in  
nailing on boards. This eve'g we were visited by J.Rog's, J.Martindale  
Darling. H.Waters, Jonas Darling & nobody else.

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May The death of Dr Dorr of Cambridge was known. Mr Godfrey of Algiers a  
1825 day or two since rec'd two or three shocks of palsy.

SATURDAY, MAY 14 Fine & warm - wind lightly from S. The fence was  
continued & nearly compleated - Uncle C. was not  
Fence very well - planted beans in the garden - assisted some in removing  
removed. some old fence which stood near the house to the west side of our new  
enclosure - the ladies too helped in this instance - Damia was not pres  
ent, she being on a visit or jaunt of exercise with mother whom she left  
at Mr L.Dewey's. Late P.M. with horse & wagg. went to Gid. House's &  
J.Rogers on J.Rog's acc't got 4 bhls rye, 2 of which he calculated for friend







Parsons to remunerate him for services in the shoe making business which he now daily performed for him - I talked some with friend Gideon who had not yet finished his planting. My little boy accompanied me.

Decker In Algiers called on Mr Decker who had not worked any at the cart wheels but calculated if he could hire assistance next week to finish them. I received directions of him what kind of boxes for s'd wheels to purchase at Troy. First visited Safford's mill, but finding that out of repair, left the grist at Dewey's - called at Mr L.D's & took in Mother

Blackmer At Blackmer & Co's rec'd on cr 3 lbs cut tenp'y nails & ~~some~~ came home.

C.Brown Found here our friend C.Brown on a friendly visit. Mr Bisbee last eve'

Bisbee viewed the flock & pronounced them doing well. J.Rog. was here early

J.Rog P.M., talked of visiting his friends in Connecticut. Neighbor Parsons'

Parsons lady & children were much afflicted with measles. Mr Ben Hand Sen visi

Mr Hand ted & dined here - complained of bad health - engaged to do a small job of masoning for us the ensuing week

Fire SUNDAY, MAY 15 Warm, some smoky - wind S. A large fire appeared

Blossoms on the mountain in the N.E. part Pownal. App bloss-

Neighbors soms were out almost to the full. Mr Kent, J.Msrt., B.Loomis, N.Norton

Clay's & Mr Gleason in various parts of the day visited us. Finished read'g

address Clay's Address, but did not do much more for a sort of languor clogged my understanding all day.

Planting MONDAY, MAY 16 Pretty chilly this m'g, but became a mild day after ward. We finished planting - emptied & filled a leach tub & attend'd

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May to a variety of other concerns - Uncle C. performed most of his labors

1825 in the garden - hoed his corn which was just up, planted poll beans &c

C.Harwood After assisting in the removal of potatoes from the cellar to the smoke

F.Black's house started off in the litt. wagg. accompanied by my uncle C. for town

Called at F.Blackmer & Co's - bo't 1 doz wood screws 0/6 - padlock 1/3

and suspenders / for my good relative. Went on to Dewey's & left 2

Montagues bbls corn to be ground - bo't hair at Ballard's for mixing mortar - pai

paid the youngster 0/3 - went to Montague's by way of the Furnace Brook

road - saw Mrs M. & her litt. son & a Miss Nichols to whom I was intro-

Cash of N. - procured 1-1/2 bbls lime - came up to the printing office & rec'd

D.Clark. of D.Clark in full tow'd 100 lbs butter delivered him last Fall, \$7.00

Gazetteer in money & the Gazetteer of Vermont, valued at \$1.00 all which was

N.Robin- heartily welcome at this time. Cousin Nathan R. pr his brother Edwin

son. this day returned us our 2 yr old bull - see Jan 1st - Cousin E. showed

A.Harwood a letter from uncle Asa's family announcing them in health. Mrs Par-

Sherwood sons youngest boy was very ill with the measles. I saw Mr Sherwood wit

with a load of boards bound homeward, who reported well of cheese -

that Mr Arnold of Troy had, not long since, sold in N.Y. at the rate of

R.Boothe \$10. pr hund - Saw also Mr R. Boothe who said within a day or two he

should go to Petersburg, N.Y. which made me engage him to convey a

C.Harwood letter to P. Barber if I should write & leave it at F.B. & Co's. At

letters. the P.O. I took out a letter for uncle C. from his friends in Rutland

J.Rog. &c - told me not to take out any more, unless post paid. J.Mert., J.Rog

& J.Darling were here this evening enjoying the good things of life

Blossoms with us - We would say app. trees were in full bloom this day. The fire

Fire. in Pownal raged most violently this P.M. eve'g but the damp wind & the

exertion of those interested nearly extinguished it by the following

mor'g.







TUESDAY, MAY 17

Cloudy, damp air from S. - fine growing season -

Mr Hand The farming business was mostly repairing fences - for a part of the materials (to) were beech poles. P.M. Mr Hand did a job of plastering at the shop room as it lately was of J.Rog. - his price was 50", payable in brandy - 2 qts already paid. Uncle C. did something in the garden & shop.

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WEDNESDAY, MAY 18 Warm, with wind S. flying clods I am not well acquainted with the business of the farm - believe th

Tour to Petersburg.

they fixed fences & erected a kind of summer house in the garden. Just before 9 A.M. I started for Petersburg, N.Y. - saw a great many fine fields of grain and flourishing meadows & pleasant pastures as well as numerous orchards full of blossoms - At the ford across Hoosick River they had altered the direction of the road which caused me to make a small blunder not, however, worthy of notice. At the square roofed Inn at the Kitchen halted a moment to hear the music of two violins - per-

P.Barber

haps there might have been more. Got to Worthington's about noon - called to inquire where our friend Patience - they could not tell certainly whether she were at Berlin or at her father's, but rather thought she must be at the latter place - they represented that it was very unlikely that I should prevail with her to come with me on account of her parents being unwilling to have her removed to such a distance from them &c. This seemed bad to me - my spirits were low - went to the house of a Mr Hines by their direction to make further inquiry - they could give no positive account of her, but supposed she must be at home I will add one thing respecting gen W's people, that his daughter Mrs Reynolds held an infant in her arms - 3d in number - her 2d daughter - See p.19 Oct 1 - With dull & heavy pace drove to Mr Phillips and was immediately informed that she was at home - I lost no time in giving her notice of my arrival - the old gentleman & lady were in usual health and not at all disposed to hinder their daughter from going to Bennington - I was a welcome guest - Patience was very glad to be off as she had planned her business particularly for it. I returned to Mr P's - talked some with old Mr P. who was cutting potatoes to plant assisted by his grandson Mansur - Mr P. Jun was absent in Troy - Played a few tunes on an old flute - dined & left there about 2 P.M. - cousin Margaret Harwood. ret went to Williamstown the preceding day - arrived here about dark - many people were busy at planting corn on green sward. Rec'd from C. Brown Chas Brown \$3.00 in money. Sally began to have the measles.

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THURSDAY, MAY 19 Cloudy, wind S., showery P.M. - Thunder'd too.

Board-fence.

Split boards with the hand-saw for building board fence - drove posts &c. - sold 2 good calves to Mr Bisbee pr Selden boy white & red, the former by the cow called Young Line, the latter fr

Bisbee.

that called 'Skink' - both of an age - 4 weeks & 4 days old - Mr Beers

D.W.Beers

shewed himself here - moved with his family into Parsons' shop on Tues

J.M.B.

day the 17th inst from old Mr Green's horse shed. J.M.B.Spencer left

Spencer.

the brick shop for Algiers where he resided with his family at this time, on the 26th of April.

FRIDAY, MAY 20

Fair &amp; fine, wind N. The fence east side of the lane near the Litt. Bridge was nearly compleated

H.Robinson

Heman Robinson was present a little while in the morning, talked of putting some young cattle into their woods W. of our house. C.Brown came on this morning to go to Troy with me, but finding me unprepared for that jaunt had our bay mare to ride to Berlin, N.Y. - started off about 9 o'clock A.M. Uncle C. finished several parts of the loom rigging besides doing something in the garden.

C.Brown

C.Harwood







SATURDAY, MAY 21 We this fine warm day finished fencing down the lane - bro't home a great l'd of buttern't posts  
 Lane fence  
 Dimmick & P.M. our sheep being joined to those of Capt J. & Maj L.Norton were  
 washes washed at uncle S.Robinson's by H. Dimmick & J. Ayres. P.M. with oxen  
 sheep. & wagg. conveyed to Stephen Hinsdill's a bbl of soap - examined by Mr  
 Soap to Safford who pronounced it pretty good, but lacked for grease.  
 Hinsdill Saw Mr A. Sherwood - came away accompanied by Mr E. Montague who had  
 Montague. his oxen fastened forward of mine till arrived at Saff. Rob's where he  
 Miss left me, also Miss H. Grimes got out - but young Mr Jona. Billings one  
 Grimes of Hinsdill's workmen from Royalton rode into the town street with me.  
 J.Billings Called at Bisbee's who because the Furnace Co could not pay him, could  
 C.Bisbee pay me nothing - arrived here late in the evening.

SUNDAY, MAY 22 Very fine and warm - w'd N. Executed the usual bus  
 iness besides reading in the bible of the last days  
 of Jacob & Joseph. Perused the G. of Vermont & the Agricultural book.  
 Montague E.Montague bro't his wife & child here just at night - made a short  
 C.Brown tarry & rec'd about 20 qts dried apples on cr't. C.Brown arrived from  
 Peters

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May burgh & Berlin. B.Loomis & J.Martindale looked at us, this eve'g.  
 1825 My partner was greatly afflicted by the measles. C.Brown put in my  
 Measles. hands \$10. in money, giving me at the same time a bill of such school  
 C.Brown books as he wanted I should purchase for him in Troy. Father went to  
 cash. meeting - Damia came from J.Rog's

MONDAY, MAY 23 Quite warm with signs of rain, wd S. - some app.  
 trees towards & near the Brown & Turner mill were  
 but a little past the full in blossoms. My father & I visited the saw  
 mill expecting to find a large quantity of stuff sawed, but we were gla  
 glad to come off with 505 feet green hemlock boards pr H. Dimmick.  
 Mr Brown's women were washing on the E. branch - Mr B. related over his  
 difficulties with Mrs Turner about the saw mill - We spoke with cousin  
 Cash pr Sim Harwood, as we came past the Cady farm. Rec'd a very timely drink  
 L.Norton of cider at L.Norton's & likewise \$1.25" for 1 bhl wheat delivdred some  
 Dairy- days since. The cheese shelves at the other house were set up. Uncle  
 room. C. bo't a new handsaw at Swift's store & performed a variety of other  
 C.Harwood business. Mr Gleason borrowed 1 bhl plast'r & Sylvanus worked for him  
 Gleason. at planting potatoes.

TUESDAY, MAY 24 Warm & cloudy, wd S. early in the day - rained mod-  
 Board fence erately from 10 till 2 or 3 P.M. Ashing the corn &  
 building close board fence at the N.W. corner of the house made up most  
 of this day's employm't. Sylvanus got the horses shod at Mr Chandler's  
 C.W.H. Sally & Hopkins were sick with measles. Uncle C. worked at the loom.  
 J.Rogers J.Rog returned borrowed salt. Gen Robinson sent down 6 young cattle to  
 Gen R. pasture in the woods

WEDNESDAY, MAY 25 Cloudy & rainy P.M. quite warm. H.Dimmick sheared  
 H.Dimmick the flock - innumber 31 exclusive of one belonging  
 sheep to old Mr Green - another of his that we wintered was sheared by D. at  
 shearing. Norton - these 2 fleeces we claimed for wintering the sheep.

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May Some of our best lambs were weighed & they came up to 54 lbs. Uncle C.  
 1825 finished the loom rigging. Patience was employed at fabricating loom  
 loom harness. I visited cousin S.Harwood's & agreed for a pair of cheese  
 finished hoops - found him mending fence accompanied by S.Crawford & several oth  
 C.Bisbee. ers - wet with rain. Coming home called on Mr Bisbee & rec'd from him







Dr Swift a bill of 8 calves, amounting to \$18.45" At Dr Swift's borrowed of Edward \$5.00 & bo't 1 lb wr't 8'd nails. D.Ruttenbur was present.

THURSDAY, MAY 26 Rainy & cldy morning, but cleared off pleasant but pretty cold. Worked on the road S. end of the Dist Highway under S. Loomis - we dined at friend G.House's - the grandest business going forward was digging out a large pine stump & repairing the bridge this side House's - the stump was situated at the summit of a litt. hil Mr Bliss S. of H's a few rods N. of the town line. Mr Bliss was in our service, he related how the boy's tied Mr G's ass at his door painted - last C.Bisbee. night - felt highly provoked at it. Our boy worked too. Mr Bisbee bo't of us 1 calf on cr. & paid me \$10.00 for my lady. Mr Kent's brother from the West arrived here.

FRIDAY, MAY 27 Chilly & hazy, wd N. Father & S.Daniels worked all day on the road - but a little before 12 Mr Beers was sent to inform of the death of Mr Parsons little boy named Seth aged 2 years in March last - P.M. went in l. h. wag. to give information of the above - Saw at the 4 Corners Lyman Sherwood who accompanied me to the Falls - they were working on the road there - saw Dr L.Sherwood in pretty good health - H.Parsons was rather ill - could not come to Bennington - his bother had so much public business on hand that it was next to impossible for him to attend. The machinery shop was in full operation - Before Harry & A.Parsons were ready to depart visited friend Lem's shop of medicine - here he was thronged a little while with many prattlers from school to whom he gave some little favors. I scolded about a thievish cow at the Inn. Arrived here between 10 & 11 with H. & A.

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Cow pen. SATURDAY, MAY 28 Warm, some cldy. A place of confinement was erected for conquering ugly cows not willing to be milked. Brandy J.Norton Jun assisted or gave direction how to reduce brandy. I accompanied him to his father's, borrowed the tin pump, returned here, & assisted in filling the hogshead in the cellar with brandy - 120 gs - reduced by adding one fifty water - filled a keg besides - making in all 130 gallons - some high wines left. Much plagued finding harness, Funeral. which caused late attendance at the funeral - I drove the horses to convey the mourners to the grave. In the evening friend Beers assisted me in preparing the waggon to go to Troy.

SUNDAY, MAY 29 Rain greatly desired - warm - faint wind - S. Could get no time to read - much engaged preparing for Troy - prepared a memorandum - counted Cash & found myself possessed of \$33.00" or thereabouts. C.Brown sent by me \$10.00 to purchase books & writing pap'r.

MONDAY, MAY 30 Fair & very warm - wind S. We load a cask of cheeses & put ourselves, consisting of father, son & two daughters, on board of the wagg. & arrived at Wadsworth's past noon. Here we saw a young man, the son of Mr Moore of Pow'l apparently far advanced in the consumption on his way to Troy. At Hedges' in Lansingburg bo't \$2.00 worth nails besides 1 lb wrought at 15" (Tried) at the sloop lock saw a raft pass the dam over the apron - could not sell my cheese at Arnolds' - had an offer of six cents per lb which I did not accept. Landed Lydia & Dama at Mr Moseley's where we found cousin Anni Stone in pretty good spirits & health. We put up at S. Maxon's lower end of Troy - went in quest of & found friend H.Debar on a load of bricks coming into the city - agreed with him to take charge of my cheese - after unloading he came & took into his wag & conveyed it to a







new store managed chiefly by a Mr Church - At Maxon's saw Ab'm Bovee formerly a tanner at Squires' & Parsons' now attending court as a witness - followed his trade at S. part of Petersburg. In the evening bo't books & papers at Parkers' for \$5.38" - for myself bo't 1 bot ink 25"

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Bo't 4 shaker brooms for \$1.32" - wag. tire at McCouns' \$5.38 at \$6  
D.Hand Cart boxes at Kelloggs' including wire to the amount of 32" & retired to rest late, very tired & warm - Saw friend Dan Hand near Babcock's

TUESDAY, MAY 31 Extremely warm - cloudy with wind at S. - Went first Moseley's but could not see cousin Annis for she had gone on board of the canal boat to proceed for Scipio. Saw nine cheeses weighed at Churchill's singly - making in all if I mistake not 167-1/2 lbs - bo't set knives & forks at Brinkh \$5. jack-knife & fish hooks & Jewsharp \$1.34" - 7 bhls of coarse & 2 bhls fine salt at Solli-man & Grant's \$5.07" - Hoops & rivets at Kellogg's \$1.22" Block tin feucet at Dr Lyman's 62-1/2" - Ticking, 9 yds for \$3.37-1/2" at Keel-ing's - bleached shirting 82-1/2" - large flat bolt 12-1/2" at J.H. Greenman's - add expences 90" - and my bill amounted to \$23.95-1/2" - Besides the above the girls bo' goods to the value of about \$11.70" - added together makes \$35.65-1/2" all which was paid in full - bot on credit at J.Garey's a goats skin for \$2.00 - Followed on foot and over-took the folks at Wheeler's - The next stopping place was at Richmond's where we saw Capt E.Cross ready to operate some powerful remedy on the body of a horse - we arrived here sometime before sunset. On Monday morning saw Dr W. Waters at his brother's in good health.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1 Good cloudy weath'r, wd S. rainy at night. Hoeing  
Milling. was attended to - P.M. carried to mill 10 bhls rye  
left cart boxes at Deckers - left 3 bhls potatoes & 5-1/4 lbs cheese  
S.Harwood for S. Harwood at the mill & rec'd two cheese hoops without followers  
& the screw & back part of a wooden vise. Left wagg. tire at Mr Nor-  
J.Rog's ton's - agreed with Aaron to tire the cart wheels &c. Lent J.Rog.  
\$2.00 cash

THURSDAY, JUNE 2 Very warm - cloudy - Rainy in the morning, but fair  
the remainder of the day or only flying clds.  
Stoves A stove shantee was erected - wagg. wheels carried to Algiers - shelf  
Martin- boards planed by J.Martindale - window shutters hanged at the other  
dale. house & hoeing carried on by father & Sylvanus.

Beers FRIDAY, JUNE 3 Cloudy & some rainy - Hoeing was nearly compleated-  
C.Harwood. Mr Beers assisted. Uncle C. worked much in his gar-  
den. J.Martindale performed a good days work at his business on the 2n  
inst.

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June SATURDAY, JUNE 4 Cloudy from the E. The hoeing was finished first  
1825 time for corn - fence N.E. side the y'g orc'd re-  
J.Ballard paired. Sylvanus carried 2 dry calf skins to Ballards & returned with  
skins. a part of the grist carried to D's on Wednesday. Father went off to  
hunt his young cattle - Maj L.Norton informed him of such creatures be-  
J.Rogers ing in his pastures. J.Rogdrs paid me \$2. bor'd money & paid \$1.00  
C.Brown towards 17-3/4 lbs cheese. C.Brown st'd all night here - mainly approv-  
ed of my gargzin at Troy for him

SUNDAY, JUNE 5 Rather foggy & rainy from the E. Attended princi-  
pally to writing & read charles' books on Philoso-







phy, Astronomy &c. - J.Mart., B.Loomis, J. Rog. &c were here toward evening.

MONDAY, JUNE 6 Some rainy, wind N. Visted H.Dimmicks, found him hoeing potatoes with his brother - he accompanied me to the sawmill - loaded me off with 3 stocks hemlock boards - 579 feet which at first we calculated exceeded that number, but afterwards a mistake was discovered, the figures having been wrongly read. The board fence lower side of J.Rog's orchard was commenced - Mr Kent assisted - beginning at about 9 in the morning. L.Montague performed a job of whitewashing here.

Saw-Mill  
H.Dimmick

TUESDAY, JUNE 7 Very warm - no air of much account in motion. Training took up principally my attention - S.Crawford & Brad Godfrey were my right & left hand companions. Mustered on the Green near the meeting house & I was returned equipped according to law Bo't goods at Dr Swift's & borrowed 50 cents cash which I paid to Sylvanus Daniels towards his work - the company was marched on to the hill - had something to take - heard the Militia Act read - then returned to the meeting house & there between 2 & 3 P.M. dismissed. Fell in company with H.Dimmick & L.Downs - called at Blackmer's with them - D. had some business with old Mr Bushnell - bo't 2 lbs

Training  
Dr Swift  
S.Daniels  
Dimmick  
Downs

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June bro sugar & borrowed \$2.25" in money - My friends came along home with me - Bates & Beers were blasting rocks near Dexter's. Late P.M. assisted at building more fence.

1825  
Bates &  
Beers

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8 A hot day. Continued the fence. Sylvanus worked for Gleason's folks at homeing. J.Rog. paid us a visit.

S.W.D. at  
Gleasons

THURSDAY, JUNE 9 Extremely hot. The fence E. side of the above orchard being finished more was built on the S. side facing the S. meadow - Uncle C. was now engaged in dressing out sash Gleasons. stuff for H.Waters. Sylvanus worked for Mr Gleason.

Board  
fence.  
S.W.D. at  
Gleasons.

FRIDAY, JUNE 10 The heat continued without abatement, thundered at the W. - a few drops of rain were scattered here. We drew off the rails and bits of rails from the old fence below the orchard - some further progress was made in fencing. Thomas Robinson called with his friend Parsons & paid us a short visit. S.Daniels was sent to mill. Uncle C. continued busy at his sashes. The weather was so extremely warm that labor could not be pursued with that resolution which people are wont to use. On Wednesday morning reckoned up what was due Daniels who was on his way to jail - gave him an order on Dr Swift for \$5.30" in goods and an unlimited order on C.Cushman - a bill of what he might obtained with it to be returned to me. C.Brown staid with us at night.

H.Robinson  
Sashes  
Daniels.  
C.Brown

SATURDAY, JUNE 11 We were told that the thermometer arose to 97 degrees in the shade. Our business was not very important - the gate bleading into our new garden was built & hanged on large butts by Uncle C. - the building part was performed by father & me - the wag. wheels were brought from uncle J.Norton's - saw Mrs Street there - Five gall's molasses was bo't of Dr Swift - borrowed of his son \$10. in money. Damia rec'd from N.York her artificial apparatus - price \$10.50 Our good friend Dimmick with L.Downs came here this morning & rec'd 6 quarts brandy - 2 of which went to pay for his assisting me at the saw

Wagon-  
wheels  
Dr Swift.  
Dama's  
irons.  
Dimmick.







mill & 2 pieces of pine plank - the remainder was charged on book.  
C.Brown Settled with C.Brown for money rec'd when I went to Troy - as may be seen in the acc't book.

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June 1825 SUNDAY, JUNE 12 Very warm - P.M. it thund'd; a slight shower of rain ensued. Vegetation advanced rapidly. Father was partly ill. Mr Kent paid me 50" towards brandy, in all 62-1/2 since since last Sunday - Mr Gleason, Horation, Clark, J.Martindale Jr & O.W, Daniels severally visited us during the day & evening - Likewise our friend W. Durrell. Cous's Samuel & Nathan Robinson came to see us early in the eve'g - the former lived in Orwell, Oswego Co., N.Y. - doing well there - Rather a snowy country.

N.& S. Robinson MONDAY, JUNE 13 Much milder as to heat than it had been - flying cl clds. - at times very warm. Spent the forepart of the day preparing affairs for father & Lydia's departure to the E. - borrowed a great trunk of H.Waters - had it fixed a little at Hicks' - saw Col Norton there, who said he was 60 yrs of age oct. 1824 - his daughter Sally 36 next July. Father started for Amherst, Mass after dinner accompanied by Lydia. Hoeing was pursued on the farm - assisted by Beers, Lawson Gleason and young John - the latter rode horse. H.Waters & J.Reg. paid a visit here this eve'g. P.Barber began weaving.

Col. N. Journey to Mass. Beers. J.Reg's H.Waters. B.Barber Bisbee. Gleason. H.Debar. TUESDAY, JUNE 14 Cool & pleas't, wind N.W. Finished hoeing corn in the N.meadow. Sold Mr Bisbee 6 lambs, 3 or 4 of which were first rates - rec'd from him \$6. in money. Mr Gleason made preparation for going to Troy on the morrow - bo't & p'd for 1 lb chees Wrote a letter by him to H.Debar, that my cheese left at Church's amounted to 167-1/2 lbs - expected no more from him than he might get for it - wished him if he had rec'd any cash for it to forward the same by Mr G., or if otherwise to pay to Mrs Moseley her demands - Damia being about to draw upon her for some of her materials - Wrote in extreme Mrs Streethaste. Mrs Atreet p'd us a visit.

Gleason. Hoeing. Daniels. C.Brown. WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15 Some cool & hazy - signs of rain. Finished off hoeing entirely - assisted by L. & E. Gleason whose father was gone to Troy. Uncle C. worked at sash stuff. Patience drove the loom. Beers borrowed the spade & bo't on cr. 1 lb 14 oz cheese. Mr Daniels went home to his family. C.Brown p'd his respects to us.

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June 1825 THURSDAY, JUNE 16 Cloudy, some rainy from 9 to 12 at noon. Mended ox-pasture fence & turned away the dalves - Finished board fence lately built. Levi Downs had a qt of brandy on H.Dimicks account, his friend J.Wittum called. I treated with a little of the stuff - W. promised to bring up his violin some day. Mrs Parsons on Wednesday P.M being on a visit here rec'd the company of Mr Hedges Parsons from L.Island, N.Y. - twin mate to her husband. C.Brown executed a copy of Goold's Perpetual Almanac. He drove posts some for us.

Soap. Gleason. C.Brown. FRIDAY, JUNE 17 Cloudy with many signs of rain - mild heat fine for business. Worked at board fence - much retarded hunting up & splitting boards with the saw - had to fuss with soap prepared for Hinsdill's. Dr Swift visited mother. Mr Gleason returned the wagg. & 2 bhls W.plater - borrowed. C.Brown assisted at nailing on b'ds & driving posts.

SATURDAY,







SATURDAY, JUNE 18 Considerably rainy - especially from 9 till 12 at noon - some foggy too P.M. Thund'd in our neighbor hood. The fence went on slowly - much plagued for stuff. C.Brown pursued his painting. New't Bates rec'd for his folks 1/2 lb hops on cr. O.W.Daniels tarried here all night - C.Brown assisted at turning cheese - we had 38 - some of which would weigh nearly 40 lbs. Patience was taken ill this P.M. - had finished weaving a piece of two cloth of 19 or 20 yds in length.

O.W.D. SUNDAY, JUNE 19 Warm - rained & thund'd. O.W.Daniels having tarried over night assisted at milking this morning and ar ranging cheese shelves at the J.Rog. house. Messrs Bliss & Clark visited us in the morning. Mr Duncan & J.Mart Junr were here in the P.M. C.Brown. C.Brown attended 2 meetings in the S.E. part of the town.

MOMDAY, JUNE 20 Clds scattering - near night rained slightly - A.M. worked out fence posts - P.M. continued the fence above mentioned, in the evening nailing on boards, pounded my left thumb pretty uncomfortsby - J.Rog's this morning started for Connecticut - with horse, wagg., harness & other prop'ty for sale - carried with him C.Stone, & D.Waters - the latter would go to the hither part o of Barrington only to Mr Taylor's for a visit - R. took with

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June 1825 him our young horse for the purpose of favoring his own going down that the sale of him might not be injured and to transport him on his way home in case he disposed of the other. Father & his daughter Lydia ar rived at noon from their tour to the E. Perhaps I may hereafter give visitors. some little account of it - We will now only notice that Lydia rec'd a very severe fall from the top of a ladder at the house of Mr Anderson - occasioned by the foot of the ladder giving way.

TUESDAY, JUNE 21 Very hot - slight shower, thund'd - we heard it fro B'd fence. from S.W. Not much going forward - made a water gate suspended from the lower part of the board fence where it crosses the brook. Sylvanus worked at Gleason's. Mr G. having wool of his own at G's. to dispose of, carried it with ours & a bbl of soap to S.Hinsdills. Our wool was returned to us as they calculated to do no other carding than their own. - there was about 80 lbs of it. Uncle C. was ill - a very warm night.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22 Mild & cool, wind N. Fences on the S. line were re paired - a cow pen was erected in the N.E. corner o of the milking yard - the wool was conveyed to Volentine's in Algiers - Wool 8 dollats paid to Dr Swift by father. Charles Brown visited here early Dr Swift in the morning. Uncle C. was unwell. Cousin Nathan Robinson being C.Brown N.Robinsondeeply engaged with his father & brethren at home in building a house, rec'd from us at twice 20 quarts of brandy on cr. A man named Jacob Jacob Clark called on our ladies this day, related his sufferings & shewed Clark. frightfulm scars indicative of dreadful wounds inflicted by pirates in some S.American Sea - he had taught school at Buenos Ayres - appeared to have been a man of talents formerly, but intemperance had sapped the whole foundation at present - said he was going to visit his brother in S.W.D. Williamstown, Mss. Sylvanus labored for neighbor Gleason.

THURSDAY, JUNE 23 Very cool - wind N. Tolerably fair. We were employed in getting prepared a parcel of butternut posts on the side the hill S. of the young orch'd. Mother & Damia bo't Dr Swift goods at Dr Swift's - the Dr







June 1825 Parsons' visit. S.W.D. himself p'd mother a visit this m'g. Our ladies turned out pretty generally to visit Mrs Parsons this P.M. News was bro't of the death of Alfred Ovait's wife - measles was said to be her disorder - Sylvanus was again employed at Mr Gleason's. Our cheese went unturned this evening

Plowing orchard. S.W.D. at G's. Tin pedlar. C.Brown. FRIDAY, JUNE 24 Pretty warm with signs of rain. We commenced plowing the young orch'd. Tow'd eve'g prepared to set a pair of posts for the purpose of supporting a water or goose gate in a gap of the wall buily in June & July 1823, through which flows the "Dry Brook". Sylvanus was again busy at Mr G's. Mr Rice of Charlemont, Mss., tin pedlar tarried with us over night. Charles Br. tarried likewise. Mother, Lydia & Damia visited Capt Waters & family.

Rice. C.Bisbee. SATURDAY, JUNE 25 There was a refreshing rain, most of which fell during the P.M. My gate spoken of yestdrday was finished - Sylvanus performed some plowing before the rain - to mend a mistake I must write that he worked till noon. P.M. various affairs were attended to - barn cleared out &c. Uncle C. worked at Sashes. Mr Rice left us with another of the faculty - his fare 2/6 was paid in tin & some small articles were bo't by the ladies - pd 22 cents cash, the remainder in rags. C.Bisbee rec'd pr son 3 lambs - paid over to us \$2.00 - cash.

J.Martindale Kent. C.Harwood SUNDAY, JUNE 26 Pretty pleas't & cool - wind north. Father went to meeting. I attended to necessary concerns - was too dull to enjoy books & papers. J.Martindale paid his respects to us - Mr Kent called over in the evening - B.Loomis & perhaps somebody else were here early in the eve'g. There were signs of rain. Uncle C. visited the furnace.

Thos Kent C.Loomis Death of Giles Olinof Jr. Dr Swift MONDAY, JUNE 27 Very cool - with signs of rain - clear P.M. The corn was hoed the third time - looked well - we were assisted by Eben. Gleason & his brother Lawson. Tho's Kent rode horse for us. Uncle C. visited Hinsdill's works. Charlotte Loomis copied poetry from my old newspapers of 1806. We were informed this evening of the death of Mr Giles Olin Jr - had been several years indisposed of a consumption. He was a very worthy member of society. H.Dimmick rec'd 1 gal brandy. I sent to Dr Swift \$2. pr uncle Clark.

June 1825 Hog sty. Kent. C.H. Duncan TUESDAY, JUNE 28 Rainy early part of the day - P.M. tolerably pleas' and warm. We were busy in making alterations about the hog-sty - making racks &c. Mr Kent assisted perhaps 2 hours - S. Daniels followed his plow O - Uncle C. worked at Sashes - Mr Duncan bo't & paid me for 1/8 gall brandy.

Ague. L.Norton barn. Wid. A. Waters. WEDNESDAY, JUNE 29 Cool & fair - wind N. Again the hog-sty employed us - however I soon left the business - resigned up to ague in the right side of my face - towards evening was relived by an application of scorched tow and some other hot materials. P.M. Sylvanus went to the raising of L.Norton's barn - father held plow in his stead. The company of Mrs A.Waters, Mrs P.Waters, Miss Mary Ann W & young Nathan'l & young E.Waters was rec'd.

THURSDAY, JUNE 30 Quite warm, hazy & cloudy. My father was ill. Sylvanus pursued plowing - the off ox became lame. P.M. I visited the shop of Mr Norton 2d - pd him 1 qt brandy for work done sometime since for uncle C. at tools - fastened a pitchfork to the







handle for me & agreed to make next week a new one for me. Called at friend A.Norton's to see about cartwheels - they were not finished nor too much begun. Brought home the wagg. end board lost on Dewey's land. Duncan. Our ladies visited at Mr Gleason's. Mrs Duncan came down to see her co Wid Waterscousin A.Waters - the latter with her son started for home on Saturday

FRIDAY, JULY 1 Had a good shower in the morning - warm & hazy afterwards. Spent most of the day - say from 11 A.M. till nearly sundown at A.Norton's for the cart to be rigged & by reason of their bad fortune in having the tire of one wheel to set the third time, had to leave it - Made many journeys between the shop of my black smith & wheelwright - dined at N8s - visited the new Factory to see about carding. On my way home gave in our lists exclusive of land & houses. Two oxen, 18 cows, two 2 yr olds and two horses - in all accor to valuation \$84.00. Gave in my poll by itself.

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June Father made some preparations for removing J.Rog's old hog pen. Sylva-  
1825 nus I think worked at Mr G's. Uncle C. had the back-ache.

SATURDAY, JULY 2 Very warm, some hazy & cldy - signs of rain. The hog pen was compleated and the hogs divided in two parcels - two out of seven occupying the new department. Young Elwell S Dewey pdcame down to collect pay for S.Dewey for timber procured by uncle C. in for timb- May. 3d of a cord reckoned at 4/0 - weighed a cheese 16 lbs at 7", er.May 10 leaving due me 2/9. E. informed me that Dewey, O.Abell, B.Squire, Stephen, Heman & Henry Robinson & others saw and conversed with LaFayette ette at Albany - described him as above the usual stature, red complexion, red hair, of very easy & unassuming manners, perfectly accessible to persons of all ranks. I had flattered myself a little with the prospect of seeing this justly celebrated personage, but must now give it up as something too good for me. Among others accompanying the gen. were Gov. Van Ness, his secretry & some more of the great worthies of Vermont. This P.M. bro't cart & grist from Algiers - Saw Mr G. Godfrey his son G., and his son-in-law G.Potter. On Friday A. Norton bo't an old hack formerly the property of Maj. Hawks of John Morse for \$20.00, payable in his work. Agreed with N. for 250 feet hemlock plank b'd measure at 70" pr hund. Rec'd from him two pieces of scantling 14 feet long 3 by 4 - cpinted to me as 30 feet board measure. C.Brown lent me \$3. in money - he & our friend O.W.Daniels tarried with us. Mr Gleason bro't his & our carded wool from the machine. His sons assisted Sylvsnus at hoeing potatoes. J.Rog. arrived from Connecticut. Left Bramford on the 30th ult. - all generally in health - Mrs B.Monroe had become the mother of 2 boys. Uncle C. still complained of a lame back. Damia & P.Barber rode to Petersburg.

SUNDAY, JULY 3 Pretty warm & hazy - signs of rain. Performed the usual task of writing - read over some old orations delivered in 1808-9-10. Was in company a part of the time with J.Martindale Jr & O.W.Daniels. J.Rog. spent some part of the day with us. C.Harwood Uncle C. still complaining of his back.

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JULY MONDAY, JULY 4 Rained early in the day, & P.M. there was a heavy shower - warm & damp - wind S. I was confined during the A.M. by illness - walked round some P.M. Father & Sylvanus commenced mowing after having cleared out uncle C's shop. Uncle C. complained yet of his back. They fired many guns in town & elsewhere. C.Brown C.Brown in addition to the money he paid, or more properly, lent me on







Kent. Saturday, put in my hands 50". Mr Kent paid 50" towards br'y - rec'd a  
Duncan. pint - there was a balance of 12-1/2" against him. Mr Duncan had a sort  
of fit early in the day.

TUESDAY, JULY 5 Wind S. warm mouldy weather, rained hard tow'd eve'g  
Tinkered the cart in order to commence haying - bo't  
Hicks. 2 quarts tar at Hicks' for which paid 0/9 - Sylvanus nearly finished  
P.Barber. plowing the tounge orchard. Damia & P.Barber having paid a visit to  
Petersburgh & Berlin arrived here a little past noon - they went away  
Ira Hayneson the 2d inst. As we were turning cheeses Maj Ira Haynes bro't a neam  
ream of of cap paper no. 1 tow'd which paid him 1 gall. brandy. Uncle C. busily  
paper. employed himself at the sash business.

Hoeing. WEDNESDAY, JULY 6 Pretty good day - rained a little P.M. Hoed the  
corn the 4th time in the N. meadow assisted by L.  
Thos Kent Gleason. Tho's Kent rode horse for us. The foregoing happened on Thur  
Haying. day. This day the 6th inst we carted in 1-1/2 tons hay, assisted by  
Thos Kent Tho's K. Father & Mother rode off P.M. to uncle S. Robinson's. Sent a  
D.Clark. ream of paper to D.Clark

THURSDAY, JULY 7 Weather much like the preceding - The first lines  
L. & S. of Wednesday is the account of this day. Lydia &  
Harwood Sally visited at Mr Duncan's.

FRIDAY, JULY 8 Good warm day. Haying in the litt. meadow employed  
D.W.Beers us - Mr Beers mowed for us - Tho's Kent assisted at  
M.Norton 2 taking - rode to M.Norton's 2d - got a new pitchfork - for which paid 1  
gall. brandy in full - uncle Jo. was there - rode down to his house  
with me where I procured the iron left of what was used in tiring the  
Dr Swift wagg. wheels. Paid \$3. in money to Dr Swift - bo't 3 rub stones for  
25" credit - Mother rode home with me from P.Dewey's.

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July SATURDAY, JULY 9 Fair and warm. Raked up & got in all our hay in th  
1825 litt. mesdow, amounting we will say to about 3-1/2  
Haynes. tons. We were assisted by Tho's Kent. On Friday Maj Haynes had 5 qts  
brandy. Corn never perhaps flourished better.

SUNDAY, JULY 10 Most extremely warm. Father, mother & aunt Sarah  
H.Dimmick. went together to meeting. H.Dimmick paid us a vis-  
it & related the story of Allen Brown & his tribe, having a court before  
L.Staunton near Pownal meeting house &c. Worthy Beeman a former tenant  
of the State Prison was examined to see if he had been guilty of threat-  
ening the life of a Mrs Davis not far from Brown's & found not guilty -  
but as our friend related the affair there is in my opinion no doubt of  
the fact. D.Ret'd the 3d Vol of Gordon's America. O.W.Daniels & J.Rog  
O.W.D. called upon us - also J.Martindale. J.R. brought with him young Packard  
B.Packard who wanted to work awhile for us - Bill Durrell took some cider with us  
towards night.

MONDAY, JULY 11 The heat was greater this day than usual as tried b  
Thunder. by their instruments - Lightened & thund'd from S.W  
Bisbee. at night, however but little rain fell here. Mr Bisbee rec'd pr Ches'r  
3 lambs of mid. quality. Reaping rye was the chief business. Young  
Packard. Packard was called upon by Rich'd Carpenter his late master, who de-  
Carpenter manded his fur hat, which he said would satisfy him - accordingly it was  
done after some loud words. Uncle C. was unwell - so was aunt Sarah.  
Rec'd from Ben Hand 25" for 2 qts brandy. Charles B. dined with us.  
Worn down at the close of the day.







Thunder TUESDAY, JULY 12 Very warm - Pretty smart thund. show'r at night  
 Reaping rye was our employment - father joined us  
 C.H. having yesterday been ill. Uncle C. continued out of health. Aunt  
 S.RobinsonSarah visited at Mr Gleason's. Mr G. this morning rec'd on acc't 10 lb  
 Gleason. cheese at 7" & 2 qts brandy.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 13 Warm muggy m'g - more cool P.M. flying clds. Fath-  
 er & myself harvested rye - the boys mowed grass W.  
 of the barn - J.Martin. related circumstances respecting the strange co  
 Conduct conduct, D.Ruttenbur, H. Waters and associates had last Saturday eveni  
 ing, for which they were complained of & the ring leaders apprehended  
 on Monday or Tuesday, for a riot

THURSDAY, JULY 14 Hazy & pretty warm. Harvested some rye & got in --  
 tons hay near the barn. B.Packard rec'd in goods  
 pr S.Daniels at Dr Swift's \$1. (1) . Left off w'k early at night.

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July FRIDAY, JULY 15 Very warm - thundered & rained E. & S.W. of us -  
 1825 Continued harvesting rye W. of the barn. Uncle C.  
 C Harwood finished his job of sash work for H.Waters about this time.

Rye SATURDAY, JULY 16 The heat continued without much variation. We stint  
 harvest. ed ourselves & finished harvesting the field of rye  
 C.Har'd above mentioned before night - Uncle C. assisted some at reaping just  
 before the bell rang for 12 at noon. Sally rode to mill with her sist-  
 er & our boy - went to Mrs Selden's & to Dr Swift's store - Mr Parsons  
 L.Norton informed us of the arrival of L. Norton Esq from N.Y. where his fither  
 and himself were on the 4th inst. introduced by J.E.Robinson to gen.  
 LaFayette with whom they conversed in the most easy & familiar style -  
 Everything was conducted in the most grand and splendid manner connect-  
 Dr Swift ed with the celebration. We stood charged at Dr Swift's to the amount  
 acc't. of \$92.87"

SUNDAY, JULY 17 No great alteration in the weather. Father was too  
 ill or too much indisposed to go to Church - Damia  
 Mr Bliss and young Adeline attended there. Mr Bliss visited us & borrr'd the  
 Gazet'r of Vermont. When not employed otherwise, perused newspaper,  
 Revolutionary History, the Bible concerning the end of King David's  
 B.Loomis reign &c. B.Loomis called upon us early in the eve'g. Mr K.passed a  
 Kent short time with us I should say before noon.

Rye. MONDAY, JULY 18 Pretty warm - cool at night. Finished carting rye,  
 of which in the whole had perhaps about 9 acres -  
 Sylvanus cradled some assisted P.M. by Mr Duncan who worked for us half  
 Weaving. a day. Uncle C. fixed cradle for Sylvanus - Patience drew a piece into  
 the loom.

Great TUESDAY, JULY 19 Very hot - the clover S. of the old part of the S.  
 heat. meadow fronting the J.Rog. house was commenced upon  
 Duncan. Mr Duncan being an assistant - 4 or 5 loads of rye were carted in.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 20 Extremely warm indeed - 4 loads of clover from 3  
 acres was carted in. Mr D. was dismissed or sick.  
 Duncan. Mrs C.Rogers & children were here on a visit.

THURSDAY, JULY 21 Very warm - rained & thundered at night. Finished  
 Clover. mowing clover & got in 1 load from off the flat by  
 the wal't tree







C. & D. FRIDAY, JULY 22 Very hot, flying clds - continued haying on the flat  
Waters. ed here this evening - grass pretty good - Caroline & Delia Waters visit

Rye SATURDAY, JULY 23 Very hot - rained & thindered at night. Finished  
carting rye, of which there were 2127 sheaves - got  
in 2 loads hay.

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July Sylvanus went home along with Nelson Duncan. B. Packard went to town  
1825 sometime before night - paid him 60 cents cash & gave him an order on  
B. Packard Dr Swift's store for three dollars sixty five cents towards his labor  
which was reckoned at 50" pr day - had worked nearly 12 days - rec'd  
Sore eyes pay for the same - was afflicted at this time with sore eyes.

Kent. SUNDAY, JULY 24 Continued warm - wind N. Perused Gordon - worked  
some in the cheese room. Rec'd 50 cents from Mr  
Rogers, Kent tow'd the essence of life. Our visitants were J. Rog. H. Kinsley  
Kinsley, & H. Waters in the evening, when the girls with J. Mart. & I with Mrs  
Waters. Harwood took a moon light walk.

Sp'g Wheat MONDAY, JULY 25 Cloudy, app'd likely for rain till past noon - dry  
P.M. Sylvanus cradled down the spring wh't this  
side the young orch'd - raked & bound mostly by father & me - 131  
Death of sheaves carted in. Packard mowed in the E. part of the S. meadow.  
Capt'n Capt Saxton Squires died this day after a short illness aged about 67  
Squires.

C. Harwood TUESDAY, JULY 26 Mild, some cldy - mild heat. Hay'g was contin'd in  
the E. part of the S. meadow - assisted P.M. by uncl  
Thos Kent C. & Tho's Kent. Mr Parsons visited here this evening as did Mrs Bates

C. Brown WEDNESDAY, JULY 27 Mild heat, very dry. S. of the J. Rog's house got 4  
Mrs Duncan loads very good hay. Father attended the funeral o  
of Capt S. - Chas Brown paid us a visit - also Mrs Duncan. T. Kent here

THURSDAY, JULY 28 Pretty warm, and exceedingly dry. Gathered about 3  
tons hay in E. part of the N. meadow - pretty good.  
T. Kent assisted.

Drought. FRIDAY, JULY 29 Quite warm & dry - pastures terribly scorched.  
Finished haying in the N. meadow - drew in the wheat  
above mentioned of which in all there was about 730 sheaves - Of rye in  
Grain the upper field there were 727 - in ~~the~~ in the lower 1400 - in both fields  
1825. 2127 sheaves.

Sophie SATURDAY, JULY 30 Wind fresh from S. cloudy, very much wanted & confi  
Ashley. dently expected rain. Three loads of hay were gath  
ered from the W, 1/2 part of the S. meadow - finished work early at night.  
Tho's Kent assisted. Mrs Ashley from Arlington arrived late in the  
evening.

Bible SUNDAY, JULY 31 A fine rain of a few hours duration seemed pleasant  
indeed. Among the various subjects attended to I  
perused the close of Samuel's account of the Jewish Theocracy and the  
introduction of Saul on the Stage of Royalty. Read Orations &c. H. Wat  
ers, J. Mart. & J. Rog. visited here.







August 1825 MONDAY, AUG. 1 Cldy, hazy, wind N. - tolerably cool. Two loads hay was gathered in thw S. meadow along the N. & W. edges - the manured part produced very well - about 11 shks wheat was cradled by S.D. - staked & bound by father & me - Ira Haynes rec'd the last of his 7 gallons of brandy for the ream of pap'r bo't a few days Ira Haynessinde - at night visited town in company with father & B.Packard - the former rode to Dr S. Robinson's - I visited Bisbees' - was informed that was at the Furnace - called at the printing office - got the paper D.Clark. Mr Clark told me he should allow me an account \$3.75" for the paper delivered him on the 6th ult. Made a short call at Dewey's - visited Swift's Dr Swift's store & bo't for S. Daniels 7 yds shirting (cott) at 14" - F.B. & Co. bo't at F.Blackmer & Co's 7 lbs br sugar at 11 cts & half doz pearl buttons at 0/9 - the latter for S. Daniels. Before leaving the hill talked with U.M. & D.Rob. Jun. concerning a rep. from Bennington to th the Legislature the first year - several were mentioned as candidates T.Kent. & among them U.Edgerton & A. Hyde. Tho's Kent served us this day again.

TUESDAY, AUG. 2 Lowery - rained some during the day. J.E.Robinson, accompanied by his daughter Julia whose health as well as his own was rather bad, and his brother Henry's lady, being all Oats. mounted, gave us a short call this morning. We entered upon harvesting very short poor oats in the S. mead'o - 1 l'd of hay was drawn in - H.Waters Uncle C. assisted in raking as usual. H.Waters paid to Uncle C. upward cash to of 4 doll's and fifty cents for making sashes & bro't down stuff for C.Harwood getting out a number more - Tho's Kent assisted as heretofore.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 3 Fine hay weather - some cldy - the oats were finish ed & 2 loads hay were carted in. Thos Kent ass'td

THURSDAY, AUG. 4 Lively warm, good day. A large piece in the center part of the S.meadow, the E. part of which was manured last fall was cut over & produced finely. We were assisted by cousin N.Robinson tow'd brandy. The foundation of a large stack in the North orch'd was laid - Tho's Kent assisted us.

FRIDAY, AUG. 5 Fine weather continued, wd S. Haying in the upper p't of the S. meadow was driven with spirit & flax S.Robinsonpulled - assisted by uncle S.Robinson over there and J.Rog's. Uncle C. J.Rogers assisted at raking as usual - T.Kent also - the haystack was pretty for ward. Miss Louisa Merchant of Pownal died suddenly after a few hours illness - aged 46, very springtly, fine character indeed - her death happened on Thursay.

AUG. 1825. SATURDAY, AUG. 6 Very warm with signs of rain which was much wanted. Getting 165 sheaves wheat N.E. of the barn, 2 leds Haying of oats, 2 smallish do hay & another flax some mowing & topping off a finished. large hay stack completed our haying and harvesting for this season. J.Rog. J. Rog. & T. Kent were assistants - Uncle C. assisted with his rake as T.Kent. usual - J.M.B.Spencer came up from Algiers & settled accounts with me - Spencer. he owed & paid me 15 cents - bo't an old cheese weighing 17 lbs at Hay & 0/4-1/2 towards which paid me 85" - he joined our boys in drinking the Grain. rejoicing bowl - they became musical. B.Packard had worked 23-1/2 days S.H.Brown at 50 cents pr day & rec'd \$10 pay - We counted 46 tons good hay - 2127 Spencer. sheaves rye - 895 wheat - 2 small loads oats - & 1 do g flax - Hay unusually productive with us - got in generally well made & tolerably salt ed. S.H.Brown arrived from Connecticut. Mr Spencer paid us some leath er which he had borrowed some months since.







Rain. SUNDAY, AUG. 7 There were some very fine showers this day of which the last happened a little past noon & was powerful at this spot. A good deal of thunder prevailed, and it was a pretty warm day. Read some more of Samuel - attended to the dairy business - J.Rogers wrote Jour'l &c. H. Mart. looked at us. J.Rog's visited us at night. J.Mart. Packard & Sylvanus caught fishes in out litt. brooks. C.Brown staid over night here and was off early this morning.

C.Brown MONDAY, AUGUST 8 Fair & extremely warm, wind S. Rode to Algiers in the 2 h. wagg. carrying Mother with me to Mr L.Dewey's to get a horse shod & some other work attended to, but they were too full of business already to accommodate me - agreed with H.Hull to mend the 1 h. harness on Saturday next - Left Alg. & came to Cushman's D.Clark - secured horses - called a moment to view D.Clark's new stone cistern which he informed me would contain 64 bbls - Viewed a spinning machine different from Mr Ives' - app'd too complicated for common use - Visited and talked with Mr B. who engaged to pay me some money about the 20th inst. Rec'd pay in full of young Elwell for cheese - 46 cents - see L.Patchin July 2d - Paid Lyman Patchin Esq in full for a pair of spectacles pr S.Dewey C. Harwood in the street between Cushm's & Dewey's - he asked & I refused paying my minister poll tax - being equipped for military service. Heman Robinson lost a springly boy aged 4 yrs by dysentery.

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Aug. returned home & assisted in planting a new gate past where young Packard broke down the old post. I got horse shod at Chandler's. Father 1825 bro't Mother home from Dewey's. Sylvanus worked for Mr Gleason. Let S.W.D. Duncan have tow'd his work 5 lbs cheese at 0/6 six cents. Uncle C. at G's. Duncan. visited uncle S.Robinson on Sunday.

TUESDAY, AUG. 9 Very warm till past 2 P.M. - rained some A.M. About 2 P.M. there was one of the most tremendous showers of rain I ever witnessed attended with a constant roar of thunder. Started for Troy this morning - arrived at Stauntons' so as to stay thro' the shower - reached Troy about an hour before sundown - found the river unusually low - great complaint of drought which had caused the pastures to appear as if fire had passed over them - Enquired for plaster at Merritt's, but they had so little that they sold only in small quantities - Coval had Nova Scotia at between \$8 & 9 doll's pr ton - so I concluded not to purchase - staid at S. Maxons - J.Hand Visited Hand at Bontacou's - walked up town & left C. Waters' letter for Miss Flack - tried some to buy a hat.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 10 Fine cool day, flying clds, wind N.W. Spent an hour or two with H.Debar who drew a load of bricks from Mr Wilson's yard to the city - they were burnt hard for the purpose of building a cistern - Informed me that the cheese which was left in his care sold for \$10.99 - Visited my friend Hand who put into my hands as counted by him \$21., but after my return home counted it over & found it to be \$22. Bo't of Silliman & Grant 1 bbl tar \$2.25 and a sack of P.Arm- blown salt \$3. At the 4 Corners staid sometime - saw P.Armstrong who strong. said he lost my old music book on the 2d of Jan'y 1825 either near Walbridge's Paper Mill or not far from Hicks' Tavern - took me into his friends store & put into my pocket a few raisins for my children - borrow Flute Preceptor - lent him my music book when he visited me as stated p. 505 - arrived here past sundown. Charles Brown paid us a visit.

THURSDAY, AUG. 11 Fine good day - some warm. Father & Mother visited cousin Cole & family in Shaftsbury - by them sent







C.H. 50 cents to Mr J.Haynes' wife for a little job of coloring. I assisted Sylvanus at plow'g stubble gr'd & fixing the big wagg. Uncle C. steadily pursued his sash business.

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In the great wagg. conveyed Mother to Mr Peters' -  
Chandler obtained the paper at the office - Left Wagg. at Chandler's to be re-  
S.Waters paired. Some unwell before noon. Paid to Sophia Ashley on a note giv-  
note. en Ocy 7 1822, in full, \$11.31". P.M. assisted father, who had been cu  
C.Waters cutting bushes, at threshing rye. Sylvanus followed his plow. Uncle  
C.Harwood C. stuck to his sashes. Mary A Waters was thought to be very low.  
M.A.Waters

J.Rogers SATURDAY, AUG. 13 Very warm, cloudy, a few signs of rain. J.Rogers  
butchered 3 lambs here this m'g - 1 of which he bo'  
of us at \$1. on acc't. Rode to mill & the printing office - borrowed  
Dr Swift. papers & at Dr Swift's bo't 5 lbs sugar on credit, & borrowed \$5. in  
Jas Buck money, 4 of which was in specia. Saw there James Buck & lady with a  
little child several months old - Rexf'd Wittum was also present.  
Found my wagg. wheels finished, having had the tire newly set & fast-  
ened the big to the 1 h. wagg. and came home in that style. Saw at  
Dr Ashley Capt W's Dr Ashley lately arrived from his new residence at Russell, NY  
Remainder of the P.M. spent in preparing for our journey to Granville,  
H.Waters N.Y. Dr A. & lady tarried here this night. H.Waters paid his respects  
S.Daniels to us. Uncle C. appeared much engaged in the sash line. S.Daniels  
bo't for his mother a patent wheel head at Dr Swift's, price 4/0 on  
my account.

SUNDAY, AUG. 14 The heat was very great and the effect of drought  
very apparent through the country in which we trav-  
elled. Dr Ashley & lady departed this morning for Arlington - my lady,  
Expedition myself & Mrs Parsons commenced our Granville Expedition about 6 in the  
to Gran- morning - arrived at Snyder's about 11 - Mr Wheeler & lady from Troy,  
ville. called, being on their way to some part of Pittstown - were young, hav-  
ing lately begun the world as we say - Mrs W. had with her a young  
child, her firstling, which was terribly afflicted with sore eyes - We  
put forward when sufficiently rested - crested over Waterford Bridge -  
made frequent halts to view that & the river whose waters it covers  
which was now extremely low. At the great Cohoes Bridge we had a good  
view of the Falls, met many persons of both sexes on foot passing over  
The toll was 1/6 Y'k - At some distance S. we halted to see the boats  
on the Canal a few moments - Stages & wagg's & fine carriages of every  
description seemed to be in lively motion. At the Half Way House kept  
by Nash we made a short call - everything going on in the most lively  
strain. In Albany put up at Womer's - very little com-

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ting himself to trouble in waiting upon his customers - my ladies wanted  
tea, but excuses were invented to put them off without any. The eve-  
ning being calm & very warm I amused myself by taking a pretty lengthy  
walk - crossed over the Basin on a fine Draw Bridge - viewed the Steam-  
boat Commerce & her consort Lady Clinton in tow - their external appear-  
ance being very grand & imposing, it being late, was not admitted on  
voard. When I returned to Womer's it was past 10 O'clock & thinking  
my ladies had snugly retured together I without reflection or inquiry  
went to bed in a separate apartment in company with several gentlemen  
among whom there was one that was a mechanical projector, who had stud-  
ied hard on Perpetual Motion with such success as had flattered him to  
to suppose at one period that he had accomplished the grand undertaking







but actual experiment blew up all his theory. This gentleman called himself Kellogg of Springfield, Mass., distantly related to Professor Dewey - Williams College - between 30 & 40 yrs of age - I think.

MONDAY,, AUG. 15 Most cruelly did the heat oppress all day. Mrs P. this morning informed me that her sister had been v very seriously alarmed about me because I had absented myself from her so long - This business was soon amicably disposed of and after we had visited several shops & bo't some light articles, left the City on the Rensselaer Turnpike - drove 4 miles - baited at Brown's whose & accom8s were not of the most grand and brightest scale. Had tea & vinegar & water sweetened - paid 1/6 Y'k - heard the landlady relate the particulars of the sudden death of a Mr Bels, carpenter in Albany, a few days since - occasioned by drinking cold water. Had but one brother who it was understood lived in Bennington, Vt., whose Christian name was Nathan. From this place our road was for some distance quite sandy - gradually rising into a country of a different complexion with great indications of droughth - indeed so scarce were the watering places thzr at the foot of the Helderberg Hills I was obliged to borrow pails at a private house & go a number of rods to draw water from a well in the meadow for my horses - Past noon the heat being very powerful we halted at a little tavern kept by a Mr Holmes where we remained more than 2 hours - This man had been formerly a schoolmate in Brthlehem, where he said the people were very ignorant - was a warm opposer of D. W. Clinton - took no newspapers - should judge that he was over thirty years of age - his wife had

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a little boy hanging about her named Hiram - aged about 15 months. Before we came away several ladies rode up apparently for an P.M. visit & besides these 2 men called who had a good deal to say to the landlord, particularly one of them who shewed signs of intemperance - they drove off without alighting. The heat having in some measure subsided - more air being in motion - we again set forward & after climbing many heavy hills safely arrived at Mr Josiah Conklin's, where we were very politely & cordially received by Mrs C. & family. Mr C. happened to be absent, but arrived about sunset, with a bbl of cider that he had purchase somewhere - all in good health except himself who had a cancer humor in his eyes. They were highly pleased at seeing Mrs Parsons, whom they had not seen for eight years, nor could they at first recognize her features. The age of Mr C. I think was from 55 to 58 - his lady not far from that. Their children were a daughter & 2 sons - Miss Mary age about 28, of a good disposition, but unhappily a little deformed in her person somas to occasion a halt step - the boys - Judson & Marcus - the former 20 - the latter 17 - were active and apparently well disposed. It was late in the evening when the talking was mostly disposed of & we snugly retired. Rained some this evening, with thunder.

TUESDAY, AUG. 16 Very fair & fine - quite warm at mid-day, wd N.W. Wandered awhile about the homestead of Mr Daniel Conklin which I found situated pleasantly and in good style, although airy & a good deal elevated - had a fine house, numerous & convenient out-houses, barns & sheds well arranged & filled, fine farm on which was a good orchard - all well enclosed with high stone walls & other fences. His old tan yard since his estzb.ishing his works down in the Village is falling to ruin - here is to be seen his ancient bark mill still standing - bark house & beam house &c., but nothing going on. His eldest son, Dan D., resides in a house nearly opposite to his own



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on the S. side of the road. Mr D. came over to his borther's this morning with whom after returning from the walk aforesaid, I conversed very pleasantly for some time. He remarked the natural aversion we all have in youth to manual labor, exemplified in some anecdotes of himself in his youthful days. He had been settled here about 35 years - commenced without much property, but by perseverance & industry his estzte was now very considerable. With uncle Josiah visited the tannery situated on a little creek below the village, the road to which shewed that obstacles of no common magnitude stood in the way of the proprietor. I shall not attempt any particular description of this establishment - will merely syz that a building of 160 feet in length by about 36 in breadth covered every convenience, including machinery, for carrying on the tanning business, employing not less than 8 or 10 hands with our friend Daniel D. at their head - they informed me that they tanned or would tan about 5000 hides this season - spent sometime with D.D.

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and then walked about the village which if I am correct is in a direction N.W. - made short halts at the public houses of Park & Watson - at the former saw Squire Stone - visited a grist mill belonging to Mr D.C. over-shot, going very lively & full of employment, more especially at this period as other mills were destitute of water in the country around for several miles. Having in some measure satisfied my curiosity with regard to this active little place, I returned up that long & steep hill which brought me again to our old friends where I took dinner. Uncle J. had been some concerned at my absence because when I left him at his brother's works it was without giving him notice of my destination. I must notomit mentioning the immense quantity of bark which I saw at & near the establishment of Mr C. and they had begun building a bark shed for the preservation of that article. After dinner paid a visit to our uncle Daniel whose conversation was very agreeable - permitted me to view the map of the U.S. & the books in his library which contained a sett of the Edinburgh Encyclopoedia, some copies of the laws of N.Y. &c. A Revolutionary man waited upon his lady there for the purpose of enquiring the stzte of Mrs C's health, which was said to be mending slowly. After sitting with him in his hall perhaps an hour took friendly leave. Brought our good visit at uncle Josiah's to an affectionate close, we started for a part of Greenville called Norton Hill - were puzzled to find the direct road - turned to the left round a short corner down a little lane stony at bottom which conveyed us to a retired farm hause, where we were handsomely addressed by a young man in good apparel who gave us some direvtion respecting our route which without loss of time was resumed - next we turned off to the right, but doubting very strongly the correctness of the way I ran back to a white house 50 or 60 rods in rear to inquire - & here they gave us such information as saved us the trouble of further inquiry or at least any more mistakes, and it was here that I saw an old maid that was formerly acquainted with Mrs P. & my wife when they were young - her name was Betsey Leat of dark hair & complexion. We travelled about 8 miles & about sundown arrived in safety at Jarvis Stone's, Norton Hill. Let us not forget to remark that the ravages of drought were more dreadful than to the E. of the Hudson - Corn & potatoes very materially injured, but their crops of English grain, particularly oats, if we might judge from the stubble, were abundant. Rensselaerville is situated in an elevated part of the country full of large hills with deep valleys intervening - In Greenville the the hills are less elefated, pleas antly rising into gentle swells. Both townships afford greeat quantities







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of stone adapted to the business of walling which are scattered in extreme profusion over their farms. Of these many of the farmers have made ample use - their fences rising to the height of 6 feet - laying off their farms, which usually comprise about 100 acres, into lots of from 10 to 15 acres of a square form. Their timber is a mixture of maple, beech, pine (which is now scarce) hemlock &c. Brother Jarvis, his mother, wife and children were in good health - but at first could not recollect the features of either Mrs P. or Sally. They were however soon made acquainted with each other after we had at first amused ourselves at their expense.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 17 Cool, cloudy, some smoky, signs of rain - there were fires in the neighborhood in the evening - wd S. P.M. all hands visited old Mr D. Morse & family - where we were entertained most genteely & cordially - the old gentleman, who said he was in his 72d year, related his adventures in the company of 1775, from his going to Boston until his return from the capture of St Johns in L. Canada. Gen'l Wooster was his commander. Young David was busily engaged in making or rather mending shoes - they appeared at this house cheerful & industrious - had good ripe apples & excellent old cider, with which we were served. During the course of our walk to and from Mr M8s our good old old Mother Stone, although very lean & spare with the weight of 70 years on her head, out did both of her daughters. It was slightly raining in the evening, but lasted only a short time. We cheerfully passed away the eve'g after the above visit, till a late hour - conversing, reading, or mak'g music.

THURSDAY, AUG. 18 Middling warm, wind N.E. Visited young William & Charles at their work building stone wall E. of the house 20 Or 30 rods & was well entertained - Went with friend Jarvis down to a swampy place on a neighboring farm - half a mile to the SE or more & at that spot it was bad poor, muddy stuff - however I believe the boys knew of another good place, unknown to us, to which they usually rode my horses, so that though water was scarce, they were not allowed to suffer with thirst. P.M. I took down the family register of Osborn, and Lydia Stone which I found entered in the old lady's bible They were married Feb 14 1774 and had issue as follows:-1st Jarvis, born Jan 18 1775, 2d Rufus Butler Oct 23, 1776 - 3d Josiah, Nov 18 1779, 4th Edward L. May 11 1782, 5th, Ruth, Aug 6 1787, 6th, Tryphena April 27 1790, 7th, Sally Sept 13 1793, EL Stone died Aug 12 1822 - R.B.S. Oct 11 1823. It would have been more in order to have inserted the old gentleman's death first, but it escaped my mind till too late for correction - this happened on the 11th of May 1814 in his 68th yr. I next proceeded to copy a record of the family of my good friend Jarvis, of whom the surviving ones were all at home at this time except the eldest son who, lived not far from Rochester, N.Y.

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Jarvis S. born Jan 13 ~~1775~~ 1775 - Betty Lake, to whom he was married on the 17th of April 1799, born Oct 10 1778. Their children were - 1st Louisa born July 22 1800 ; 2d Augustine Jarvis, Oct 10 1801, died March 20 1813, Rufus B. born March 4 1802, Sophronia June 30 1804, Wm Horatio March 15 1806, Charles Wells, Feb 13 1808, Harriet Augusta Dec 14 1813, Geo Augustine, March 3d 1816, Emily Eliza May 3d 1817, Addison L. March 28 1823. In all ten. Miss Louisa taught school at the distance of a mile or more to the N - had suspended her employment to enjoy the society of her Bennington relatives. All who were arrived at a suitable age appeared fond of books. Wm thought he should like to study physic & be a physician - Charles Liked Novels extremely well -







thought he should be very happy to see a number that I spoke of in Clark's Library at Bennington - they appeared to be wide awake to pay us a visit in the course of the ensuing winter. The ladies this P.M. visited the wife of Mrs Wm Norton down on the Turnpike. mile S. near the school house. Friend S. & I followed, but not till some time after their departure. At Nort. Hill where my brother-in-law resides is a handsome prospect to the S.E., S. & S.W. - the view terminating with the lofty & majestic ridge of the Catskill - which at the E. end presents that celebrated place called Pine Orch'd now the fashionable resort of the curious & idle from every quarter - the road leading down a gentle declivity from Stone's to the Turnpike runs about due S. on both sides of which are many good farms with high stone fences thereon. Walking to Mr N's we turned into the lane of Mr Smith, a very industrious old farmer, leading down west to a low swampy place most industriously employed in ditching for the foundation of stone wall & to make a watering place for his creatures - these ditches being dug about 3 feet deep were filled with small stones even with the common surface whereon he purposed erecting his massy stone fence - the earth thrown out was used in making road which was raised high & rounded off so as to good wheeling where it was formerly very miry - he was assisted by his son, a youth of 15 or 16 with a pair of very good oxen, but low in flesh. After looking awhile at this gentleman's work we proceeded through the fields to the house of Mr N. The farm of Mr S. I must say gave evident signs of persevering industry & good economy - arrived in season to sup with the ladies & to read a few pages of the life of Addison, a volume of whose works I found there. Mrs Sheers, the wife of the butcher

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was present as well as some others whose names I do not recollect. One lady whose health appeared to be bad, having with her a small child, came in while we were there - Mr N. did not get home to be present but a moment, from what I saw took him to be an industrious good man. His lady is the daughter of Mr D. Morse whose son David married the sister of Mr Norton. Our visit, which was a pleasant one, being ended, we departed and reached home about dark. This evening was agreeably spent conversing with our relatives on various subjects & it was no damper to our satisfaction to receive the company of Mr Morse Jun who brought up several amusing incidents of youthful days that were quite interesting to Mrs P. & my lady. I must close this account of my Greenville visit with a word or two respecting our brother Jarvis. He came there when 18 years of age, the country being then pretty new, without property - but by steadily pursuing his business - blacksmithing - has acquired a competency - owns 40 acres good land, where his house & barn are located, bounded W. by the road and N. by the county line, mostly under improvement. To the S. 1/4 mile or thereabouts he possesses another portion of land situated rather low, consisting of about the same number of acres, partly covered with timber some of it valuable to saw into timber, on the W. side of the road - in short we might pronounce his circumstances comfortable.

FRIDAY, AUG. 19 Cool & cloudy - wind seemed to be from N.E. Having received all due attention from our good friends at Norton Hill, the situation of which I must say is quite charming, being only 18 miles from Pine Orch'd, took our departure in good season - came onto the Turnpike near where was formerly kept a gate - which brought us to Greenville Village, then turned N. passing by the meeting house & academy, thence to the Village of Newry. After leaving this place we had to make frequent inquiry for the New Road to Albany. In







one instance, a mile or two south of the Baltimore Turnpike received very friendly instruction respecting our route from an elderly gentleman whose manner almost exactly resembled that of our old friend Busby when speaking. ~~At~~ Our way although rather obscure & difficult to find was very free from heavy hills - winding through devious vallies we were at last brought into a Trunpike which we presumed must be the same that we left Albany on, but finally carried us below the City more than a mile so that we concluded ourselves under a small mistake. Just the other side of the last gate landed a youngster who rode with us 4 or 5 miles. Made a short halt at a newish & rather dirty tavern half a mile out of town. Came on again and planned our way so as to see the steamboats, stages &c. Saw among the people numerous badges of mourning

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Saw in Albany our old friend Mr D. Conklin & spoke with him - Arrived in Troy before dark - quartered at Stevens'. Bo't of Silliman & Grant 4 bhls T.I. Salt - pd \$2.50 for it - the price being 5/0 - walked with the ladies to Mr Fellowes' where we selected a sett of silver tea spoon the price of which after being weighed, was \$5.87-1/2" - left orders to have the letters "S.H." engraved thereon & then marched home again, a part of the way being back of the stores to see the River Craft &c. Some toys were bo't at a little shop in Water St. H. Debar spent an hour with us this evening - informed us of the sudden death of a gentleman who lately visited the brick-yard of his employer from Vermont While on the road this day observed the beds of most brooks & small creeks to be in many instances entirely dry - if there were water in them it only stood in large puddles. From Greenville to Albany I think by the new road they called it 25 miles. Early this evening slowly commenced raining.

SATURDAY, AUG. 20 Rained soakingly all day from the E. accompanied by a stiff breeze from that quarter. Gave over waiting for our spoons to be marked - Bo't of Jos Gary pr Coon 2 sides soal & 1 of upper leather which added to what was already due amt'd to not far from \$12.00 Deferred starting awhile hoping the rain might moderate which afforded me a little time to play the flute for young Stearns who apparently was well pleased - had an elegant instrument with 4 keys & it was a good sounding one too - had mine with me, but did not produce it here - used it occasionally at friend Jarvus' - the children were delighted with it. Had we been snug at home nothing would have been more cheering than the sight of this rain, but being obliged to travel in the face of it was not the most agreeable - Rode six miles to Smith's - had some gin and a bottle of excellent small beer - dried our wet garments as well as we could - saw the girls scrubbing floors with mops in their hands without handles in the back breaking style - strange that they should continue in the old way when the new is so much easier. Next came to Wadsworth's pretty wet - but soon found ourselves very comfortably seated by a warm stove in the kitchen where we remained some time reading newspapers &c. There was a company training there for the purpose of choosing officers - I brought one of the men a mile or 2 who treated with a glass of gin. Got home before dark - found all as well as usual. The brook against Parsons had dried up on Friday & was so all the way to where the moseley brook empties in.

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This fact respecting the brook was new to uncle C. & my father who have been acquainted with it for about 60 years. Father had worked considerably at ditching during my absence as well as other worthy employments. My travelling expenses amounted to \$2.62"







SUNDAY, AUG. 21 Our much reviving & welcome rain held on more or less till nearly noon. Mother was so ill as to Mother.  
Dr Swift. send for Dr Swift who before night visited her & Mr Kent who had experi-  
Kent. enced 2 fits of some kind or other, in the last of which his wife sent for the neighbors to come in. We went over from our house - Mr G. & Mr P. were present - he soon recovered so as to be able to walk about - all returned home again about our business.

Furnace MONDAY, AUG. 22 Warm, flying clds, wind N., A.M. visited the furnace rode in a 1 h.wag, accompanied from the meeting hou house to Algiers by Capt Hyde & by Capt P.Dewey & A.Robinson Jun to the place aforesaid. Viewed the works, the mansion house, the garden & Capt C. Hills soldering lead pipe for the purpose of conveying water from some neighboring spring into the Company's garden - Saw the parts of the great cast iron water wheel. Returned by the Mill - rec'd a Cash pd grist of rye - called at Dr Swift's & paid over \$5. borrowed money which Dr Swift. I rec'd on the 13th inst - Bro't Dama home from Waters' - P.M. assisted Ditching at ditching near the center of the S. meadow - W. I should say however of that. There had been threshed out 16 bbls rye the pre't season.  
Anson Anson Wood made a fruitless application to buy the large bay mare.  
Wood. Visited Capt E.Waters this evening to see if he would come & new rig  
E.Waters the cid. mill - he could not exactly say, but rather consented to do it  
J.Rog's Called awhile at J.Rog's, Mrs Harwood being with me - it was pleasant walking.

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FRIDAY, AUG. 23 Very pleas't & warm. Mother being extremely i ill I went early in the morning & called Dr Dr Swift Swift out of his bed to pay her a visit, but just as he was about ready H Hinsdil to go - Hiram Hinsdill having a more pressing demand than mine - took him off to his house - was since informed that his lady presented him with a son. Finished ditching by noon - went to ploughing & sowing rye Sowing rye. P.M. in the young orchard. H.Dimmick dined here at noon, had a felon Dimmick. on one of his fingers that pained him cruelly - bo't on acc't 1 gall brandy for the benefit of his "Little Woman" who on the 16th inst., L.Stauntonbro't him a fine boy. About this time Mr L.Staunton of Pownal loast a daughter aged 16.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 24 Handsome & very warm. Rye was sown, plowed in - had 2 plows & a harrow to smooth off - had Eb Gleason Gleason - horses & plow - Lawson G. picked up apples A.M. Mother grew better.

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Aug. THURSDAY, AUG. 25 Very warm indeed & fair. Father rode to L.Nort's 1825 in the big wagg. accomp'd by litt. Hopkins & bro't home a crate of ware made by P.N.& CO for S.Wate5s now Mrs Ashley. With Crate of stone my sisters conveyed the same to the old Kynion house kept by Parker in ware. Hoosick where Dr Ashley had arrived from Arlington a few moments before Dr Ashley on his way to Russell, N.Y. H.Waters, Melissa Street & Caroline Wa- & Lady. ters were present, the former treated with wine. After a short time H.Waters spent in lively conversation took affectionate leave of our friends & M.Street got home by about noon. P.M. assisted at the business of sowing rye. E.Gleason during my absence plowed with their oxen.

FRIDAY, AUG. 26 Very warm, some cloudy, wind S. The sowing of 7 H.W. & acres including the field N.of the y'g orch'd was J.R.Mrs compleated in good fashion. H.Wate5s & J.Rog. paid us a visit this Parsons night. Mrs Parsons & Sally Harw'd went to Pownal to buy wood for the former.







SATURDAY, AUG. 27 Pretty warm, some cloudy, signs of rain, wind S.E.  
 Secured the big stack against rain - Father cut more bushes. A.M. Sylvanus drew a load of wood from gen. Robinson's woods for Mrs Ayres - P.M. employ'd him in boating turfs from the bank of the ditch S. of the J.Rog. house & depositing the same in the barn yard for the purpose of making manure. C.Brown assisted me at putting up 2 additional shelves in the cheese room - P.M. rode with me to town. Paid Mrs M.Selden. M.L.Selden \$1.87-1/2" in full for her work - & left 50" for Miss Angeline. Rec'd a promise of \$10 from Mr Bisbee by the 31st or first of Sept. Obtained papers at the printing office - visited D's mill & J. Nort's shop - saw there Elijah Greenslet - returned to Dr S's - bo't 2 stock locks at 1/9 - screws likewise - Mr Kent was present. From H. Waters' shop bro't a quantity of sash stuff for uncle Clark to operate on. Chas Brown obtained \$1.50 being the amount of the Scott debt - I allowed him 1/2 for collection - my part 75" - let him take towards what was due for borrowed money.

SUNDAY, AUG. 28 Warm, cloudy, some smoky & smoky. signs of rain, w'd S.W. Appearance of fire on the W. mountain gave us a slight alarm. Mr Gleason with his boys, E. & L., Mr Beers, Tho's Kent & myself went up to get it under - the business was accomplished by B. & the G. boys. N.Rob., J.Mart., & H.Waters were here. P.Barb., Sally H., Dama & Adeline went to meeting.

MONDAY, AUG. 29 Cool m'g - pretty smoky - flying clds - wd N.W.  
 While busily engaged setting up the cid. mill, our good friends Ethan Allen Fay, & U.Edgerton, the former with wife & child, aged 7 months - the latter with wife, daughter, Caroline & little child came down on a visit & we were most cheerfully entertained during the time they were with us. The gent's walked out accompanied by father & me to the spring W. of

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Aug. 1825 the house - about the orchard &c. viewing such objects as bro't former transactions fresh to the memory - conversation turning principally on such topics. Mr F. was born at the house opposite to ours on the E. side of the road, called the Dr Fay house, Jan 12 1779 - his twin mate resides now in Albany - Mrs Edgerton was born Jan 12 1781 - the youngest of Dr F's family. P.M. the gent's made an excursion to the Furnace. Mrs F. & Mrs L.Edg. visited the old house to behold the ruined establishment where they had spent so many of their youthful days - it being the spot of Mrs E's nativity. Mrs F., who was the sister of Mr James Street, lived there from the date of her marriage or a little previous to that in the spring of 1801 until the fall of 1803 when they with their father & mother removed to Charlotte - No doubt the contemplation of a scene like this brought many serious recollections to the mind. While these movements were making I took horse & wagg & made a fruitless attempt to induce Melissa & L.Street to come down to see their aunt - they were at Dr H.Swift's - Saw Scott's bible - Map U.S. - U.M.Rob. Visited the hill, got papers, talked with U.M.R. respecting a bad report concerning Col M's transactions with M. Scott - he saw them at the time of their settlement - heard the latter declare himself entirely satisfied with the Col's agency - accounted to him or allowed him \$20.00 for his services, took every way to manifest his good will tow'd the Col. But it seems after all that he played the deceitful part, for he circulated an insinuation quite the reverse. I was satisfied as to the character of my old friend O.C. & returned with J.Hand in season to part with our Bennington & Fort Ann friends. Aunt Sarah & cousin Emily were of this party. Sally went down to watch with old Mrs Fay.







TUESDAY, AUG. 30 Smoky - cool in the morning, warm remainder of the day - wind N.W. Apples were gath'd A.M. P.M. wit  
 Cider made Mr G. & boys cider was made. Malvina Dimmick, Cornelia Eldred & Amanda Duncan paid us a visit P.M. Aunt Sarah & cousin Em. rode home.  
 Company  
 Death of Departed this life Mrs Deborah Fay - aged 77 - of industrious regular  
 Mrs Fay. habits - had lived with her husband 54 or 55 years by whom she had 5 children, 2 sons & 3 daughters. Asa the eldest died Dec 25th or 26th  
 Rye to 1817 - all the rest were living at this time. Gleasons' boys threshed  
 Gleason 5 bhls rye which they afterwards borrowed to sow.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 31 Warm with signs of rain, flying clds, wind S. Spent  
 Gov'r more than half the day getting the big mare shod &  
 Tichenor. 1 h. wagg. mended at A.N's shop - Gov Tichenor got his horses shod  
 there - related many anecdotes respecting the Revolutionary patriots of  
 his time - called some hard names among the Robinson's - on some heads  
 Cash to I presume he was mistaken. Mr Godfrey was over at the shop some part  
 Decker of the time - Paid to Mr Decker in full for making a pair of cartwheels  
 C.Bisbee - good ones too - 9 dollars in money. Returned home faint & hungry late  
 late P.M. - say 2 or 3 o'clock - assisted at setting up corn just cut  
 down & bound up. Rec'd pr Chester Bisbee from his father \$10 in money  
 Kent. & \$1 of Mr Kent towards brandy. Wood & Waters were here this eve'g -  
 D.Hand danced to D.Hand's music.

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Sept. THURSDAY, SEPT. 1 Rains to the N.W. had cooled the air considerably,  
 1825 flying clds. Cutting up corn made the main business  
 Corn. P.M. attended the funeral of Mrs Fay which drew together quite a number  
 Funeral. of people, particularly those advanced in life. John Fay Billing bro't  
 up his mother & wife. Mr Peters delivered a very appropriate discourse  
 founded on the words of Corinthian 7 th Chap'r 10th v. On our way  
 L.Norton home, father being with me, viewed Maj L.Norton's barn standing on the  
 site of Mackey's old house. Turned cheese late P.M. - they were doing  
 pretty well.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 2 Cool, flying clds, w'd N.W. Put rings in our pigs  
 Corn. noses in the m'g. - finished cutting up corn. P.M.  
 Carrington. latish beat off flax seed - cleaned off the cid. press &c. Mr Carrington,  
 the agent of Nathan Whiting, N.Haven, C't., took up his quarters  
 Encyc. here - he let me read one of the No's of the Ed. Encyclopoedia which he  
 had with him - I turned to the article Rail Roads which was pretty good

SATURDAY, SEPT. 3 Cool, flying clds - thundered at night - very litt.  
 Thunder rain fell here - spread flax - gather'd app's -  
 Flax  
 Carrington. worked on the land W. of the house P.M. Carrington remained here - his  
 business being to procure signers for the works of the late Rev. John  
 Newton in 4 Vols - the first vol. had with him & delivered as fast as  
 they signed. In the evening read more of roads.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 4 Cool, some cldy - expected rain. Perused the Encyc  
 articles Rennie & Polit. Economy - the farmer was a  
 personage of great power in mechanism - born about 1761 - died in 1821  
 Mother had hard teeth ache. Father, Adeline & Mr Carrington rode to  
 C.Brown. meeting together - C.Brown who had warmly espoused the cause of Mr Merchant  
 of Pownal, pushed off early this morning to his department to try  
 what might be done. Some time was taken up in our dairy office.  
 J.Rog., J.Mart., B.Loomis & H.W's here this eve'g.

MONDAY, SEPT. 5 Many signs of rain - wind S.E. Capt Waters came to  
 E.Waters fix cid. mill - went with us into the woods to look  
 timber for a new paid of nuts, but after felling a maple, cut it off &







found it defective - gave up the job - had the old mill repaired - the press raised to make it level - a pair of followers made & dismissed friend W. after having done 2/3 ds of a day's w'k - We consulted with him about writing Mr Rewey respecting a new kind of mill which he recommended when on a visit here in Feb. 1820 - & I engaged to write shortly Charles Brown wrote ballots at a great rate all the evening. Fr'd Carrington after going the rounds tarried with us - Read Encyclopoedia on Polit. Econ'y.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 6 Fair & fine - signs of rain all vanished - Worked at lane road A.M. - P.M. walked through the lots with father to gov. Tichenor's - returned the Agricultural book -

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Sept. 1825 went from thence to the Court House & put in our votes. There was no little anxiety with reference to the choice of Representative. The candidates of most note were - Dr N. Swift, U. Edgerton Esq, Jed Dewey & Election. Stephen Robinson. The D'r obtained it by 36 major'ty - their names I arranged according to the number of votes they respectively rec'd. The ticket for Councillors headed O.V. Merrill obtained a small majority over that headed Joseph Burr of Manchester. Dec. Merch't gained his Cash election in Pow'l - 8 maj'y. Bo't 3 lbs sugar at Dr Swift's, ch'd at P. Barber 12" - paid 50" to cousin Caroline Wats for services rendered to P. Barber in the bonnet line. Bo't an Eng. Reader of Mr Carrington's who again Carrington. slept here, for 63 cents. Rec'd from Charles Brown one dollar in money.

WED. SEPT. 7 Very, cool, dry, wind S. - cldy - dusty, clear but a part of the day. We dug stone near the Nort. line against N's mowing & cornfield, in the latter case it was understood Geese. our geese had committed some misdemeanor, which in part was the reason for our working here to prevent them from doing the like again. H.W. Wil- H. Waters with elegant horse & chaise politely conveyed Miss Barber to liamstown Williamstown & there partook of the various amusements that offered on this College anniversary. J. Rog., Eb Gleason, W. Bates & others attended C. Brown. from this quarter. Cha's Brown left here this m'g. Lydia & Dama visited at Mr Cole's, shaftsbury.

THURS. SEPT. 8 Rained in the morn'g & a little at night - cldy all day. A.M. wrote Journal & assisted at turning cheese. P.M. assisted at the work of the 7th - Carrington went to the Death of N.W. part of the town to solicit subscribers to Newton. The remains of A. Selden, Andrew Selden were buried this P.M. - he died on the 7th inst. His Esq. genius was of the brilliant kind, particularly in poetry, his character is set forth in a well written article inserted in our Gazette of Sept. 13.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 9 Cool morning, continued so through the day, flying clds from N.W. Digging stone employed us again. H.R.A. P.M. litt. Heman Robinson & young Hopkins accompanied us into the field & walked together to see the kiln at Norton's burning - When we W. Haswell came down at night they informed us of the visit made by W. Haswell who waited upon his sister Sears in a carriage to ride for her health. Carrington. Carrington procured in the center of the town several important subscribers - bro't with him a copy of Lempriers' Classical Dictionary for me to purchase in which I read several articles this evening - but could not afford to buy because it came too high - \$3.00







SATURDAY, SEPT. 10 Clear & cold - wind high from N.W. assisted at husking corn till noon - P.M. visited Algiers with a book in my hand entitled American Biography, which was delivered here by William Jones, a person much resembling H.Wallace. Gun not touched by C.Nort. - promised it should be the next Saturday - Called at Ballard's - a calf skin would be dressed ere long - Allen & H.Stiles were there. Called at J.Rogers' a good while - rode home with Carrington. H.Debar Mr Jones delivered his book for H,Debar of the subscribers for whom I paid \$1.75"

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Sept. 1825 SUNDAY, SEPT. 11 Cool, flying clds from N.W. Busy writing during the early part of the day. P.M. with Carrington & J.Martindale, both in the 21st year of their age, ascended to the high Mt Anthony's peak, or very near that, of Mt Anthony - the prospect was greatly obscured by trees & bushes - my companions by climbing some of the former pretty well satisfied themselves. When going up & nearly arrived at the place of observation heard some persons talking together whose names we wished to ascertain - endeavored first to do so by hailing, but they refusing to give direct answers, Mart. went to them & found H.W. B.Sears. they were no others than H.Waters & Benj'n Sears. After returning from T.C.Parson's the main peak - took a look from Bald Hill - displayed a large flag H Dimmick handkerchief & came home where were assembled T.C.Parsons, H.Dimmick, B.L. J. Rog. & B. Loomis. Within the last 10 or 12 days the ladies of Mr House. J.House & Mrs G.Potter added a boy apiece to the inhabitants of Benning Potter. ton. Read Politic. Economy.

MONDAY, SEPT. 12 Damp S.wind - cloudy - signs of rain. Cleared what we call the new garden for the admission of sow & 8 Sick hog. pigs - took a sick hog out of the pen in order to have him by himself - Dr Swift. much swoolen about the jowls - Dr Swift sent on s l'd of app's for making Carrington. ing cider - Carrington returned in the evening from hunting subscribers - had pretty good success. Ubcle C. continued his sash business. J.Mart. J.Mart. backed off a parcel to H.W's shop. Dama gallanted Lydia to Dr Dr S's Swift's store - traded to the am't of \$3.04" due bill on the D'r & store. some over - the latter partly p'd & in part booked. Perused Polit. Economy at night.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 13 Warm, cldy - strong wd from S - lightened at night. Apples Assisted at gathering app's A.M. Mary A.Waters M.A.Wat's came to visit us. P.M. rode with my lady & daughter by Hinsdill's to Capt. Capt L.Sherwood's Hoosick - saw his fine oxen, fine hogs, fine dairy, Sherwood. fine 10 acre field of corn, barn floor finely covered with old corn as well as a good many other fine things too numerous to mention - three of his largest hogs were monsters indeed - they would at this time weigh between 4 & 500 apiece - had 9 others intended for market that were in excellent condition. Mr P. read in the Life of Gen.Greene the battle of Cambden, April 25 1781. Having had a very pleas't visit we H.Waters left & arrived here about dark. Carrington, C.Br., Nath. Rob., H.Wat J.Mart. & J.Mart. slept here this night.

WED. SEPT. 14 Every sign of rain app'd & it did rain some in the m'g - wind veered to N.W. with fly'g clouds - but t the rain we had was light P.M.







Sept. 1825 Carrington. ~~Sept.~~ With Mr Carrington, for whom a very good opinion was entertained so far as our acquaintance extended, a fair & honorable settlement was made - My acc't for b'd, wash'g, oats & pasturing horse amounted to \$4.88 - tow'd which he p'd an Eng. Reader 63" & several blank books - amt'g to \$1.05 - 96" in books to Chas Brown & \$2.35 cash. He went away with the intention of not returning at night if he did not visit the N. W. part of the town - however we had the pleasure of entertaining him once more. He related some particulars of his voyage from Charleston, S.C. to N.Y. in 1824, when he left peddling at the S. His residence he informed us was in Woodbridge - 11 miles N.W. New Haven, C't - half a mile E. of the Litchf'd Turnpike, employed as agent for N. Whiting, printer, at the rate of \$50. per month, wagg. horse, & expenses provided by his employer. In this town he procured subscribers, most of them very able, for ab't 20 copies of Newt. at \$10. This morning went in quest of someone to come & gash our sick hog's ears as recommended by H. Waters - overtook Beers N. of Gleason's - agreed with him to perform within 2 or 3 hours - he did not however appear. Going to J. Rog's walked some distance with our friend Greenwood - at J.R's staid awhile - came home - assisted at turning cheese - & P.M. gath'd app's in the y'g orch'd with father & Sylvanus. Mrs Waters paid our ladies a visit this P.M.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 15 Warm & pleas't, wind S. Mr C. took final leave Carrington. this morning, sold me a pocket book for 3/0, two of which I charged him for fare, the balance pd in cash. With 4 bbls old Wheat. sp'g wh't went to Walb's mill & had it immediately gr'd. While wait- Hinsdill. ing for it rode to Hinsdill's works - saw Mr A. Sherwood talking with Hiram Hinsdill, agreed with him, as he was going next day to Troy, to send me information respecting the market of cheese at the house of O. Letter to & A. Arnold. Looked some at the machinery in Doty's establishment - Rewey. then returned to the mill - wrote a letter to John Rewey, Berkshire, N.Y. informing of the health of our family & that of E. Waters' with a request from the latter to forward a plan with an estimate of expense & instructions how to build a new kind of cid. mill which he described when here in Feb. 1820 - At the Pap'r mill wrote a line to O. & A. Arnold to write me pr Mr Sherw'd respecting cheese - Left it with Mr Baden to give to H. Hinsdill who was going to T. on the morrow. Past D. Clark. noon left the mill - halted at uncle S. Rob's - again at D. Clark's - where saw Mr Bliss, Mr Hicks, O.C. Merr'l, & Stephen Rob. Looked at Spaff'ds Gaz. N.Y. & Carey's Atlass - bo't & p'd for 1/2 oz wafers 10" - comb at Blackmer's for 6" pd - returned here & dug potatoes with fath'r, Beers & Sylvanus. B. cut the hog's ears this m'g, & it worked for good.

Sept. 1825 Mr Peters J. Rogers FRIDAY, SEPT. 16 S. wind with many signs of rain. Mr Peters this m'g came down & prayed with us - friend Parsons being also present. Gath'd a load of pumpkins and 1 do corn unhusked - husked a small quantity in the field. Didama rode abroad with cousin M.A. Waters for her health. In the evening posted books for J. Rogers who tarried all night.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 17 Rained quite moderately awhile in the morn'g - remainder of the day warm & cloudy. Husked corn & assisted in the cheese department - P.M. rode with Parsons to the Furnace - viewed buildings & works - saw S. Godfrey, Geo Norton & W. Eldred. On my way home agreed with Mr J. Harwood to come and make shoes for us week after next. From Algiers where the little boys were running about







with fishes & eels in their hands, Aafford's pond having been drawn off - bro't the wife & 2 children of J. Rogers to the Dr Swift house.

J.Rogers settles. J.Rogers this evening made a settlement with us which included nearly everything on both sides - his side amounted to \$56.10", ours to \$54.60 to which adding a \$7.57 note brought it up to \$62.17, the balance being struck there remained due us \$6.07 for which he gave his note, having previously taken up the old one. He wound up his evening's employment by joining with his friend Hiram Waters in a pork & cabbage feast prepared purposely for them by my lady who was honorably rewarded for the same. H.W. made great sport for the by-standers in his manner of feeding himself - friend Parsons was present I think a part of the time. The two former gent's tarried over night & finished their pork and cabbage next morning.

SUND. SEPT. 18 Cool & cldy in the m'g - More pleas't P.M. Commenced writing very early & pursued most of the day -

H.W. in the course of which there were numerous interruptions. Father & J.Mart. Diadama went to meeting - Sylvanus to Pownal - returned with Herry Dun- Norm Nort can. H.W's, B. Loom., J.Mart., & Norm. Nort. visited us.

Potatoes P.Barber J.Rogers Death of Jeremiah Eldred. MONDAY, SEPT. 19 Cold, thick clds from N.W. Engaged all day at digging potatoes - Lady fingers pretty small. Late in the evening we finished turning cheese. My fair partner with P.Barber visited the stores of Dr Swift & F.B. & Co., J.Rog. had y'g horse & wagg. to go to Algiers to prepare for his removal thither. Mr Jeremiah Eldred of Staunton Hill, Pow'l, died this day after a short but severe illness - said to the epidemic which prevailed in 1812 & 13 - Mr E. supported the character of an honest good hearted neighbor and as such was much lamented. His age was years.

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Sept. 1825 J.Rogers removal to Alg's Dodfrey. TUES. SEPT. 20 Remarkably calm this morning - cloudy, wind from N. A.M, began raining, continued with intervals through the day, that is it was showery. Assisted J.Rogers in the removal of family & household stuff from the homestead of Dr N.Swift to the house next door W. of Mr G.Godfrey's, Algiers. They rec'd the services of Mr & Mrs Dunning, Mr Bates, whose main business was chopping & splitting wood for R., Mrs B. and daughter Polly. D.Ruttenbur came in to view, made many of his shrewd remarks. In H.W.'s shop saw Harvey Bliss and another gent. unknown to me - saw a book full of plates on Architecture by a Philadelphia teacher. J.R. drove horses & waggon and I oxen & cart - arrived past noon in Alg., dined at Mr G's - saw Pitts, Potter, wife & child. Mr G. entertained me with many stories of neighborly people who under some kind of pretext or other have made it their business to call on them to tarry as at a public house without offering the least reward whatever. While waiting for it to cease raining perused some in the Bible respecting Abraham & Sarah - Sodom & Gomorrrah - Obadiah, Jonah &c. Jon. went 2 trips, brought down family & fuel the last one. On my return called at J. Norton's & brought away my gun-barrel after seeing Charles by faithfully to remove the breach pin - H.W. Capt Hills came there and had a punch fixed - E.Fay Jun'r had business there also. H.W., J.Mart., & J.Hand slept here this night.

Potatoes WED, SEPT. 21 Thick clouds, pretty calm, rather coolish, rained but little. We dug potatoes on the little patch E. of the lane N. of the great hole containing not much short of 1/2 acre of ground - yielded handsomely for the season - of those dug 30 bbls AM P.M. got in a load of corn in the bundle. Early this eve'g two young ladies called in on business principally with Diadama - they were Tam'r







T.Upham Upham & Semantha White - the latter wanted a few lbs cheese for Mrs Swift - LI let her go away without any, but was soon made sensible of my mistake & being anxious to set it aright went myself to town carrying with me 6 lbs of that which was pretty good deliv'd to her with ~~nam~~ some excuses for the unneighborly act. Found the Dr busy with his acct books - informed me of his having let his store for 3 years to Dr Corning - Troy - would remove his family & effects back to the old place within a few days. Dr Heman came in as I left the room. Walked to Ball at Dewey's and there very agreeably spent an hour or two in the ball chamber where the best blood & chief beauty of Bennington were assembled. Music was performed in excellent style by Mr Weeks accompanied by a clarinet pretty well managed. P. 672. A great majority of those belonging to the ball were strangers to me. I must insert a few of their names, with whose acquaintance I have been honored - Jed Dewey, & Elijah D. Waters - both published on Sunday to their respective sweethearts - Nor Edgerton - Van McEowen

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Sept. 1825 Sep. Walbridge, Benj Fay, Smith Montague, Frank Morgan, Norman Blackmer &c. Among the spectators recognized Sam Fay, P.Dewey, J.Hubbell Esq H.Wallace, S H Blackmer, U.M.Rob., Steph'n Robinson, T.Hills', H.H. Fassett, H.Waters, D. Ruttenbur, J. Mart. & perhaps somebody else not now recollected. The spect's, a number of them, including St.Rob., U.M.R., H.H.F., by request danced a figure while I was present - With the newspaper I got home about half past 9 - read the remarks on our last election, one paragraph of which rubs our person pretty close ly with respect to the part which ~~Y~~ he was said to have acted towards Mr Merrill previous to that event - Thanks to the God of elections, Mr Merrill. M., although poor, obtains his seat at the Council board this year, in spite of every effort of his enemies who assailed with all the weapons they could invent of the low & meaner kind. Let not the glare of riches and the popularity usually attached thereto always triumph, but let the men of worth when in low circumstances, sometimes have his place. Received on account a certain meal chest valued at 75" on the 20th at Rogers. night from J.Rogers - bro't with it property for T.C.Parsons.

Potatoes THURSDAY, SEPT. 22 Low clouds in the morning - fog rested on the mountains - no wind stirring - heard the bell ring remarkably distinct - mild & cloudy through the day. We finished digging potatoes before noon - 25-1/2 bhls S. of the upp'r brook N. of the oats, not manured - consequently light - 1/2 an acre W. of the lane S. of the big hole 67 bhls good size - ground in fine order - 16 or 17 around the cornfield pretty good, enough to amount in all to about 130 bhls. Past noon went to Parsons' with my father to borrow chairs - saw Mrs P. spinning on the H.Spinner with pretty good success. 2 o'clock Bennington Church meeting at this place. P.M. according to previous notice a religious meeting was held at this house for the purpose of admitting my mother into the church - several members of that body being present - Mr Peters presided - went through all the exercises, ordinances and ceremonies usually performed on such occasions - Preached a good sermon from a text selected from Paul to Titus, 2d Chapter, 11th, 12th & 13th verses. Made an appropriate address at the Lord's Supper. Old Mrs Gleason by recommend from the Church in Rowe, Ms., was admitted a candidate for the membership - standing propounded till next communion day. Cousin Amanda Mariah Robinson was baptized. Those whom I recollect that composed this assembly were Deacons (L) Calvin Bingham, S.Hinsdill, E. Saff'd - Dunning - J.Hicks, J.Field, Esq Hubbell, A.Gleason, A.Robinson, H.Harwood, 3d, gen. D.Robinson, Pool - members the Ben. & other churches. S.Fay Jun uncle S.Rob. & Tho's C.Parsons. The ladies were, Mrs Hicks and daugh.







Emma - Mrs S.Rob. wife of St Rob., Mrs McEowen, Mrs J.T.Rob., Mrs Er. Mrs Dunning, Mrs E. Safford,

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Sept. 1825 Safford, Mrs deac. Hinsdill, Mrs Gleason, wid. Capt Squires, Mrs Abell, Mrs A.Rob., Mrs Field, Mrs S.Scott, wid. C. Armstrong, Mrs Bingham, Mrs M.L.Selden, Mrs S. Fay, Mrs S. Hathaway, Mrs S. Fay and two daughters, Mrs L.Norton, Mrs Hunniston, Miss L.Bingham, Mrs Parsons, Mrs Sally Loomis & Mrs Bates - not at last to forget Mrs Ayres. Uncle S.R. & lady staid to supper - also Mr P. & Mrs G. Wid. G. was pres't at the meeting. The weddings of Jed Dewey & Hannah Eldred & E.Dewey Waters & E.D. and Eliza Ann Hinsdill were this day celebrated at the respective dwellings of the brides, Miss Hannah Eldred, Pow'l, and young Miss Eliza Ann Hinsdill daughter of the late Joseph H. Bennington.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 23 Heavy S.wind, black clouds - warm, in the evening, rain was much looked for and fervently desired. Husking corn composed the chief p't of our labor. About 1-1/2 bbls pears were gathered this morning - P.Barber worked in the weaving department an hour or two. Justin Martindale presented himself there this evening.

SAT. SEPT. 24 At early hour it commenced raining - there followed several showers that shed a considerable quantity of water - though far short of producing the effect so much wished for, soaking the earth, however it seemed to liven up grass & grain a good deal. P.M. the wind blew very chilly from N.W. - flying clouds. worked at packing away cornstalks & threshing some rye A.M. P.M. corn at the heap was husked, mostly by S.W.Daniels & myself. Father who visited Blackmer's late in the morning to get 2 qts molasses, spent the P.M. with his cousin Perez Harw'd Esq, lady & daughters Louisa & Almira, and Wid. Bartlett, daughter of Capt Whipple, Sunderland, twin sister of Mrs Lucinda Northup - she had her daughter Selinda with her and tarried all night. Cousin P. departed with his folks before sundown. Uncle C. departed to Capt N's and there paid a visit, knowing at the same time that his cousins were here - he was very lively this evening telling stories to make us laugh. C.Br. came to see us - paid me \$1.23" borrowed cash - had some slight controversy with friend Parsons who was present & went home about 9 o'clock. a Part of this pleas't night made music for S.W.Dan's, P.Barber, & J.Mart at the shop - the last came in when P. had almost finished winding quills. Calvin, the son of my friend A. Norton was sent by his father to get 2 galls brandy on acc't - for reasons good, felt unwilling to do so - let him have 1 gall & charged the same - no bad inference must be drawn from this. Dr S. visited Mother and dined here this day.

Frost SUNDAY, SEPT. 25 The first frost of notoriety appeared pretty largely this m'g - Very cool & fair during the day - wd N. till tow'd sunset when it veered to S.W. Charles Brown arose between 2 and 3 morning, before 4 I was with him attending to writing - he walked abroad and like the bee returned loaded with poetic honey which he had gathered among the flowers of Mount Parnassus - saved it on paper - left us before 9 in spite of all enticety to the contrary - to be in solitude at his school house/







Sept. Did not get much time to read. Father, Mrs Bartlett & Dama attended  
 1825 Divine service. Patience made over a cheese which was about 12 days  
 Bartlett & in the evening being gallanted by J.Mart. attended a party at Brooks'  
 S.W.Den's Sally & Damia & I dont know but someone else attended singing meeting.  
 H.W. Sylvznus W.Daniels rode home - worked at a Bee got up for the benefit o  
 C.Harw'd of old Mr Nathan Eldred - harvesting &c. H.Waters had business about  
 Potter & the wood W. of us. Parsons came up late in the eve'g to hear uncle  
 J.Rogers Clark relate his experience of the frowns of this world in various ways  
 J. Rog's & Geo. Potter came up before the day closed to look at the bull

MOND. SEPT. 26 Cloudy & mild - moderately rainy P.M. from S.W.  
 Corn Finished husking corn - the field was cleared of  
 The field everything except pumpkins & beans - Reckoned the yield of those 2 acre  
 cleared. to be equal to 70 bbls including good & bad - estimated the whole to be  
 worth so much merchantable. The cheese was attended to - door hung - &  
 C.Har'd uncle C. visited uncle Sam'l. In the eve'g sent to town to buy oil &  
 L.Patchin wick yarn - it was bo't at Patchins' by S.W.D. - the bill was 91 cents  
 Assisted at shelling 1 bbls new corn this eve'g.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 27 Rainy - most of the time quite fine - foggy on the  
 mountains - this storm rather came from the E.  
 Rye. About 3-1/2 bbls rye was fanned by hand & sent to mill together with a  
 B.Greensletider barrel left here last Fall by Ben. Greenslet - the corn as above  
 barrel. was also sent by S.W.D. The cheeses were several of them weighed,  
 Cheese after being duly attended to, from which we inferred that we might sell  
 weighed. about twenty five hundred of it. Tow'd evening conveyed in the big  
 Widow wagg. Mrs Bartlett & daughter with Damia to uncle S.Rob's - Tried to  
 Bartlett. borrow a long wagg. box, but found theirs too short for my purpose -  
 S.Rob'n Uncle S. drove forward of me into the street a 1 h. wagg. which he had  
 L.Patchin borrowed of H.H.Dassett. At Patchin's paid the cash price to L.Robin-  
 paid. son the Clk, 84 cents in full for 2 qts oil & 3-1/4 lbs wick yarn. At  
 Dr Swift D.Clark's saw Mr Rouse who informed me that cheese sold in Troy for 6  
 & 8 D's pr hund. Took the newspaper & came to Dr Swift's to buy tea -  
 Tea. talked with the D'r & his brother some about putting in to buy a chest  
 of tea, supposed to contain 75 lbs - my share to be 12-1/2 at 75" but  
 finally gave it up on acc't of poverty - bo't at Blackmer's 1/2 lb tea  
 on cr. - came home - joined with father in mourning over our poor econo  
 H.Waters my & closed the employment of the day reading Newspaper. Uncle C. was  
 C.Herwood about winding up his sash business with H.Waters.

WED. SEPT. 28 Broken clouds from N.W. - cool - wind S. at night,  
 chilly. We made cider - of which sent pr S.W.D. to  
 Cider to Norton's still 5 bbls. I visited in the big. wagg. both gristmills  
 still. & returned with grists of rye & some corn - Rog. & Potter did not want  
 Potter & the bull at \$2.50 pr hund. Called to see about getting an empty cid.  
 Rogers. bbl lent to A. Norton but failed. Mr L. Chandler rec'd on acc't 4 gls  
 L.Chand- brandy. Norman Norton was here a short time this evening - talked of  
 ler. going to Troy on the morrow with L.Mart. Lydia dipped candles this day  
 Candles. Patience busy in the Loom - B.Squires came to engage her services at  
 P.Barber. his house when through with us - it was understood that she would go  
 B.Squires there. H.Waters was preparing for Alabama.

H.Waters  
 Alabama. THURS. SEPT. 29 Very fine & fair - wd N. Apples were gzthered &  
 cider expressed - 5 bbls sent pr S.W.D. to the  
 Letter to Still - measuring galls. Wrote a letter to H.Debar, Troy, this  
 H.Debar morning, the principal object of which was to know the state of the  
 J.Mart. market respecting cheese - informed him that I had rec'd & paid for his  
 N.Norton book as mentioned Sept. 10. - forwarded it by J.Martindale & Norman







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Dr L. Norton. Late this P.M. L. Sherwood Jun with his friend Gilbert made a short call - informed that his father had sold his cheese for \$6. pr hund. to the Arnolds, Troy. We could not prevail with him to tarry through the night with us. - promised when the leaves should be off to come over & spend a day on the mountain in our neighborhood hunting squirrels - after supper smoked pipe & with his friend rode off. Chas C. Brown. Brown visited us this evening & lodged here. Miss Barber complained of P. Barber. illness - she went this P.M. to F. Blackmer & Co's & bo't goods on my Mrs W. acc't amt'g to 50 cents. Mrs P. Waters made a short call P.M. Horace H. Dimmick Dimmick rec'd 1 gal brandy for which promised 1 bhl corn or 50" cash whenever he bro't over his turnips - was going to have a husking this Mrs R. evening. My lady rode with her sister Ruth to S. Merchant's in Pownal, Parsons. - the latter having business there. A. Nort. ret'd the bbl above allu- A. Nort. ded to, by his son Calvin. P. Barber finished weaving her first piece bbl. of wool'n - 19 yds. Weaving.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 30 Fine, quite mild & warm, cldy at night, wind S.

Gathered 60 bhls apples - & about 30 bhls for Dr M. A. Waters Swift were ground. Lydia & cousin M. A. Waters rode in the litt. wagg. to uncle S. Robinson's - the latter after her return was taken very ill Dr Swift Patience went for the D'r and in the ev'g Dr H. Swift attended - pro- duced temporary relief - he informed respecting M. M. Noah's Proclama- S. Daniels tion. Sylvanus went home to his father's - to assist at a husking - A. Norton they rec'd on the occasion 2 qts & 1 pt brandy on cr. A. Norton sent 1 bbl cid. his 2d son by whom we deliv'd 1 bbl cider - charged \$1. Our rye in the young orchard we thought looked very finely

SATURDAY, OCT. 1 Warm & very fair - Made cider for Dr Swift.

Dr Waters. Gathered some pumpkins & sent 3 bbls cider to the still. Dr Worthy Waters visited us this m'g with

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Oct. 1825 his brother Hiram - some queer transactions were brought up to view of which he was the principal hero in former days. He came down in the evening & highly entertained us with well seasoned anecdotes of his H. Waters. boyish days - His lady & Capt E. Waters consort paid a visit here - rode M. A. Waters home with him - his principal business was medical attendance on his niece M. A. who within a short time aftdr his departure grew very bad - Dr Swift Dr Swift had to be called & towards morning she became more easy - her His remo- illness was not imputed to any gad management on the part of any one. val. Dr Swift once more resided at the old farm house, from which he removed in the spring of 1823. I visited town this evening & got papers - Saw N. Nort. D. Clark, S. Clark, S. Rob., Col. M. young Hen Rob. rode down from Cush's J. Mart. sign post with me to Capt W's. N. Nort & J. Mart. arrived from Troy - H. Waters the latter tarried with us as did H. Waters. Uncle C. paid his respects Widow to Wid. B. Billing - made a proposition for buying her old screws to Billing. her cid. press, which he communicated to us after his return. Chas C. Brown. Brown staid with us the P.M. - executed something that suited him at th the shop - left in my care \$2. in money to purchase book with in Troy - after supp. went home. Either on Friday or this day Sally saw a Mr Joh John Cook John Cook at Parsons' from her old residence at Branford, C't, who gave a pretty account of the people of her acquaintance there - among the rest Wm Hale had married the widow of Mart a piece of informa- tion that taken in connection with other circumstances thzt excited no small degree of merriment in her. Mr C. knew my father & grand- father, uncle Ebenezer & several more of our family, having formerly made many journeyd through this place from between Guilford C't and Williston, Vt - his age might have been now about 63 or 64.







SUNDAY, OCT. 2 Very fair & very warm. Having finished my usual course of writing walked S. as far as L.Norton's shop - saw nobody there - turned to<sup>d</sup> the house of J.Jun'r - read in the Troy paper a very interesting account of Liverpool, Eng. written by a young tourist - at the house asked a litt. girl if her father were at home - she answered that he was at Grandp's - marched back to Luman' Norton Spent a little time in the North garden with Julius & Hummiston - then started for home, hoping to meet the Major who had gone to Church - meeting being out as we say - but I failed - Laura his little girl a new beginner in horsemanship rode this way to the brow of the long hill My business with N. was to see if I could borrow a

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Oct. long wagg. box to transport cheese therein to Troy. Tow'd eve'g assist  
1825 ed by J.Martindale, my wife & P.Barber weighed off 1282 lbs for market - it looked well too - made preparation for going to Troy - Borrowed  
H.Waters \$5. of Jo. Hand. H.Waters was disturber of the peace & quiet of a memb  
er of this family, 10 o'clock P.M.

MOND. OCT. 3 Very fine & extremely warm. Assisted by father & my fair partner packed a load of cheese with which  
To Troy started off about 7 A.M. - arrived in Troy by 3 P.M. Called on my old friends O. & A. Arnold who were busy loading their vessel for N.Y. - were not disposed to buy nor hardly to take my stuff at any rate - but on examination finding the quality good they concluded to put it on board loose without casking - said it would sell better so than otherwise - took a receipt for 46 cheeses & bo't 1 lb tea on cr. Called at Covell's to but plast. - had none but Nova Scotia which I chose not to purchase at the rate he offered it - \$8.50 pr ton. Stabled my horses at Mr Stearne's - Supped at Mr Willson's with friend H.Debar - Mr W. said he was 63 in April last. H. & I walked the City. I rec'd a set of tea spoons at Mr Fellows' for which paid in full \$5.87-1/2". The first thing I bo't after leaving Arnold's was 17 lbs soal leather at 27" on cr. amt'g to \$4.59" - Sat some time in a grocery shop kept by Churchill where we saw Hiram Sibley who said he knew the use of Spirit uous Liquors was detrimental to him & had resolved never to do the like anymore - See Dec'r 1824 - Slept at Mr Willson's . I looked in two different book stores for Rocheforecault's Maxims & Reflections but could not find it as requested by C. Brown.

TUES. OCT. 4 Rained powerfully awhile this morning - rained moderately till night - Waited a good while to have th the rain abate before starting - Dr Gleason entertained the company with remarks on the practice of physic seasoned with some few anecdotes suited to the occasion. Two gentlemen whose names I took to be McCall & McGee were canal travellers - dealers in lumber - the former from Essex, N.Y., the latter from some place in that vicinity - Mr McC. had a fresh countenance & was corpulent but active, was acquainted with the Finches of Jay - appeared quite a buainesa man. I took one look for plast. in the old Factory mill without seeing any & about half past ten left Troy & continued on my course without making a halt till arrived at the old mansion just before sunset.

WED. OCT. 5 Very fine & very warm. Mr J. Harwood came on to making shoes for us. With a small load of stone  
Hoosack ware, accompanied by the proprietor, Mrs Parsons & her youngest sister, Falls. rode by way of Hinsdills & Sherwood's over the hills to Hoosack Falls. At Hinsdills' borrowed an old 28 read. The Deac. was ill - saw Mrs







Oct. 1825 Hannah Beebe - late Miss Grimes, in good health - the water looms were going very lively. At the house of S. Parsons Esq we enjoyed a very good visit which was wound up by taking tea at friend Hiel's. I visited the sawmill which went very well, notwithstanding the narrow escape of the sawyer this day who came near losing his life in rolling a log down the bank into the mill - had 1 leg & thigh considerably bruised - Looked at the Carding machine over the mill - saw the Parsons' & their hands extremely busy in the shop at their machine making business - viewed the cotton factory - a fine building - but not one third taken up as yet for want of capital - it was in operation. Went to the burying ground & staid awhile - then before re-crossing the river visited & talked a good while with my cousin Cornelius Stone & wife - left them for the other side - paid Capt Bishop 6 cents for mending harness strap to the wagg. Viewed Stutely Watson's cid. mill & still - Supped as above & got safe home about 9 in the ev'g - J. Mart slept here. Called F.B. & CO. at the store of F. Blackmer & Co & bo't 1 oz camphor - paid 12-1/2" for it - they shewed me a very pretty riding whip, price 4/0, which I fancied, but did not buy - F.B. N., his brother & A.D. Rob. were present. We saw a comet in the S.E. - tail streaked up W. N.W. - the eve'g following looked, but could not see him.

THURS. OCT. 6 Continued remarkably warm almost every moment of the day - wind N. Cid. apps were gathered A.M. & 6 bhls wint do P.M. Lydia & Diadam rode to Safford's mill with six bhls wh't old wh't all that remained of last yrs growth (Sept 15) Cousin Ruth Tremain, Cousin eldest child of my uncle C. Harwood, with her youngest sister Mary & Ruth. young Emmons T. her son-in-law, arrived from Paris, N.Y. - having also Tremain & in her arms her youngest child named Mary - 15 or 20 months old - her sistersome troublesome on account of being out of health - the hooping cough Mary. was yet hanging heavily about it. They came here about noon - Lyd., D. nor uncle C. were not returned from their various calls abroad - their absence however was not long & soon joined the rest of the family in geing giving them a sincere & hearty welcome - none of our relatives could have been more so. Cousin M. was carried from here at about 2 yrs old in Dec'r 1799 - never had returned since - so that it was nearly the same as if she had never before seen the old habitation. Hiram C. Harwood Waters made final settlement with uncle C. fir making sashes & paid him in full. Calculated to leave town on the 8th for Alabama.

FRIDAY, OCT. 7 Almost without a parallel for heat at this season - M.A. Waters w'd N. Father being some unwell rode out - M.A. Waters went with him to Capt E.W's to reside a few days. Dama & Hopkin accompanied him to uncle S. Rob's - they returned about noon.

Oct. 1825 On the evening of the 6th pr S.W. Daniels received a very handsome calf skin or something resembling such suitable for making women's shoes. J. Ballard Aunt Sarah with cousins Polly & Emily visited here this P.M. - Some Dr Swifts part of the day Sylvanus & Emmons went to Dr W. Swift's drawing bee - drawing the removal of the Charles Wright barn to the old Capt. Rob. place. bee. There came on a thick smoke this evening with signs of rain - grew Smoky. cooler.

SAT. OCT. 8 Comparatively cool in the morning, smoky, warm, however, as respects the season. Father was unable to do much - assisted some tow'd eve'g about gathering apples which Thos Kent formed the main business - Tho's Kent worked for us. Daniels whose six O.W. Daniels months term of service at S. Lawrence's had expired on the 6th spent the P.M. with us at Gleasons - assisted some at the app's - helped







S.W.D. shake trees &c In the eve'g S.W.D. with whom I had held some converse on the subject of going home pretty constantly on Sundays, went away with his brother & G. boys - Eben & Lawson - we at this time counted on our shelves, little & great, 99 cheeses besides 2 in the press - had eaten & sold by piece meal 10 - sold in Troy 46 - 2 to Dr Swift - total 158 - allowing them to average 20 lbs a piece would amount in the whole to 3160 lbs. Cousin Ruth, sister Lydia & cous. Mary with young Emmons departed on a visit to Petersburg, N.Y. before 12 at noon. Hiram Waters, Norman Edgerton, Charles Thatcher, the last having a family to leave, with others left town early this morning for the salt works in Alabama under a contract with Gov. Seth Hunt for six months service.

Dairy 1825 Cid Press screws. Uncle C. bo't two old screws belonging to a former cid. press for \$3. of Wid. Billing - payable in sashes - This morning a young smart looking gent. came to me to solicit my signature to a subscription for a History of England abridged from Hume, Smollett & others down to the year 1821 - I refused it at first, but after farther consideration agreed to receive a copy if it should suit me - the terms were that it should be close printed - to contain 500 pages - price \$1.75 - to be issued from some press at New York, May 1826. Sent him to my friend L. Norton.

History of Eng- J. Harwood Our friend Mr J. Harwood who began making shoes here on Wednesday, went land. home this eve. In the morning he butchered for us a dry ewe whose quarters averaged lbs.

Dairy in 1824 The dairy in 1824 consisted of 16 & 17 cows - a few of them much out of season, so that the quantity of cheese was consider ably less then it would have been had the case been otherwise - of that article however we sold 1296 lbs pr Arnold at N.Y. for \$5. - and about 746 more to various persons from 5 to 7" pr lb. making a total of 2042-1/2 lbs \$114.95" - add estimate not reckoned \$2. .... \$ 116.95 Butter sold - 218-1/2 lbs at 14" \$30.59 - lb 34 14 oz do at 0/9 \$4.36 ..... total..... 34.95

Pork 1825. Most of the pay was good - had some delinquents to deal with & some part went to pay rather unprofitable debts. 151.90

Fattened 4 swine whose aggregate weights amounted to lbs 1446, of which disposed of 591 at \$5. amaking in the whole ..... 29.55

This was received mostly in due season, excepting in 1 151.90 instande (p. 747) & that still remained unpaid up to \$ 180.45 this date. (For Bisbees pig pork see p. 631)

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Oct. 1825 SUND. OCT. 9 Pretty mild & cool, very smoky, wind N. Wrote as usual, got a little time to read. Father went to Church. Mrs Duncan came down to see us. Chalres Brown tarried with u us this night. B. Loomis, J. Mart & Norman J. Nortonspent the eve'g here Death of Uncle C. was full of conversation. The remains of Miss Jennie Burt, ag Miss J. aged , daughter of the late Capt. B., were this day consigned to the Burt. grave. J. Hand paid his respects to us.

MOND. OCT. 10 The smoke held very thick until nearly noon. P.M. the wind blowing up fresh from the S. cleared it away considerably, rained some between 10 & 12 A.M. quite warm & summer Tho's Kentlike through the day. All worked together in A.M. gath'g apples. P.M. Young Sylvanus & Tho's K. went by themselves in the young orchard & filled hogs. the big wagg. box twice - father & myself nearly completed a fence erected N. of the cid. mill for the purpose of confining our young hogs a Peters- few weeks on that side of the orchard. Our Petersburg party returned burgh. here before noon - reporting favorably except that they did not have th Margaret the pleasure of seeing cousin Margaret whose business so confined her Harwood. at Williamstown when sent for by friend Phillips that she could not Dairy leave it. In giving an account of cheese made this season on Saturday, 1825







Loomis committed a mistake, counted on hand 8 too many - which would reduce the whole to 150 and the estimated weight to lbs 3000. Mr Loomis came to see uncle J. Harwood about making shoes at his house, but the man was not here - his business kept him at home. Friend Parsons app'd among us this evening, arguing strongly that if gov. Hunt had flattered Thos Harry Allen. All away - leaving his bondman to pay his debt or go to jail - other debts unpaid, family in sickness & distress, knowing all this at the same time, he ought to protect him or be shot. Father thought that a man guilty of wilfully injuring his bail ought to be given up forthwith & suffer more than the law requires. Late in the day Dama & cous. R. Cath'e Harwood Attica, N.Y. rode to town together - visited F.B. & Co's store - the former rec'd a letter from cousin Cath. at Attica, N.Y. Uncle C. worked at sashes. P.M. got the letter above, newspaper & a small guage made at Chandler's N.Y.

TUESDAY, OCT. 11 In the course of the day became much colder than it had been - considerably smoky - & some cloudy. Very chilly at night - wd N.W. Gathering fruit in the young orch'd was carried on with spirit - Tho's K. partook largely of it - the assistance of our young friend Emmons was gratefully rec'd. Early this eve'g went to Lieut. M.S. Norton whom I found at Clark's office to talk with him respecting my absence from roll-call on Tues. the 4th inst. He app'd to think as there were a good many absentees & the weather very unfavorable that there would be nothing done about it - Saw Uncle S. & cous. H H Fassett N. Robinson & H.H. Fassett - the last wanted I should send him a small cheese. I promised it.

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Oct. 1825 WED. OCT. 12 There was a frost of some magnitude this morning - the air chilly, wind S. all day - some smoky - air searching. Brought out business in the young orch'd to a happy close about noon - P.M. cleared the little meadow from which obtained 2 cart loads for cider besides a quantity of winter fruit. Our cousins accompanied by Lydia & Diadama visited at uncle S. Robinson's - between 2 & 3 P.M. arrived from Petersburg cousin Margaret along with (her) cousin Z. Phillips - towards eve'g Sally rode with the former to uncle Sam's where Uncle C. had the pleasure of seeing his three daughters together. Cash pd A little after dark all hands returned to this old Castle. Mr R. Crosset Crosset came to solicit aid for paying the board bill of Mr Dunton the Singing board bill Master during the past season - \$36 - signed and paid 50 cents with of Dunton rather a bad grace - feeling as if the people, such as support these things, were too hard ridden with taxes of this kind - knowing our own weakness at the same time for which we obtain no charity from all this swarm of purse suckers. See Apr. 9 p. 750. Messrs Gleason & Parsons came to view our curl-plated gent., but did not buy. It was on this or the preceding day that Mr Parsons informed us that our neighbor Will. Smith's property was all put under an attachment.

THURS. OCT. 13 Some chilly & smoky in a small degree - wd S. grew more fair tow'd eve'g - it has misted A.M. Clark's orchard was cleared where they obtained about 3 loads - had Tho's K. & Wid. Billings. rec'd the assistance of young Emmons - went to wid. Billings' in 1 h. wagg. & got the 2 screws mentioned on Saturday - She was active and came out to show me where to find them - Saw her daughter Mrs W. who appeared to look much younger than I had expected to find her - sent Mrs S. some woolen yarn by me to Mrs Fay, for weaving I suppose - Mr Kent was employed by us in working out the thread to the female screw of the short block through which the N.E. screw of the press passes - he did some other business about the mill & after I had been to Chandler's & got two bolts fixed to put through said block with fore locks and keys,







Cousin he assisted in fastening it together, entering the screw & making all  
 Ruth. fast in the beam - for which he must have creit 1 days work. Cousin Ruth  
 Cash pr accompanied by sister L. visited wid. Rice at the N. part of the town  
 A. Harw'd & old Mr Denio's in Shaftsbury this P.M. Cousin Anne Waters with her 2<sup>d</sup>  
 2nd daughter & son Nathan'l were at Capt. E. Waters'. Miss Z. Phillips  
 ret'd to Petersburg without company - cous. Nathan Robinson & his sis-  
 ter Emily were here this eve'g - danced to the music of a Jewsharp,  
 played by Patience Barber. Asahel Harwood pr his brother James bo't of  
 us 5 bbls apples for wint. at 1/0 - paid 79 cents. I paid his father  
 \$1. tow'd shoe making.

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Oct. This day the business of making cheese for the present season was bro't  
 1825 to a close - the highest number of cows 18 - commenced with 12 and left  
 off with 17 - made beef of the 18th being dry by or before the first of  
 Cheese Sept. Number of cheeses made amounted to 154, which estimated at 20  
 making lbs a piece would give a total of lbs 3080. Some of our cows were out  
 stopped. of season - one of our best so late as the first of Aug - others were  
 young & the drought coming on in July & August considerably lessened  
 the quantity from what might have been reasonably anticipated at the  
 Parsons outset. See 8th & 10th. Mr Parsons this eve'g related some interest-  
 Gov Hunt. ing facts respecting our friends with gov. Hunt at N.Y. - Thatcher had  
 Ballard. got released & returned to his family - Ballard had once found Allen -  
 shook hands with him at the door of a public house into which he went,  
 presuming his friend A. would keep his position - but he soon found  
 himself deceived - the creature was not to be seen by him afterwards.  
 Gov. H. had not gone on board with his hands when last heard from.  
 A J Haswell A. J. Haswell was one of his company. Sold to H.H. Fassett 19-1/4 lbs  
 cheese.

FRIDAY, OCT. 14 Cloudy, some chilly & smoky, grew dark tow'd night -  
 in the eve. it rained, wind fresh from S.W. Our  
 Cousin cousins departed this m'g about 10 o'clock for Paris, N.Y. - quite  
 Ruth. lively - we were thankful for the visit - we presume it had been pleas  
 Margaret ant to them - sent compliments to their mother, their uncle & to cousin  
 & Mary. C.A. Harwood. We made cider & sent Sylvanus to N's with 5 bbls contain-  
 Cider to ing 157 galls. Tho's Kent assisted. Cousin N. Rob. & his brother Edwin  
 the Still gath'd wint. apples for themselves & assisted at picking up for us also  
 T. Kent. Mrs Sally along with Mrs P. & Mrs G., visited the lady of J. Rog. in Al-  
 Visit in giers - they rode after Mr G's little black pony - a late acquisition  
 Algiers. by swapping off the old sorrel Billing mare. Pr S. I rec'd from J. Rog.  
 Cash by tow'd sole leather sold to him Aug. 21st., \$3. Our friend John Harwood  
 J. Rogers before night finished his job of shoemaking here - his bill in toto  
 J. Harw'd amounted to \$4.33" - I had paid him \$1. leaving due \$3.33" - We were  
 bill. pleased with his work, engaged to pay him the cash shortly - his prices  
 were for common grown persons 2/6 - women's boots 3/0 - children's  
 shoes 1/6. N. Rob'n tarried over night - in the eve'g P. Barber tuned up  
 her harp to which he & Dama danced. Mr Harwood made 6 prs shoes -  
 including those for Tho's K. & Adeline H. - 1 pr boots for Sally - 1  
 do for P. Barber - 1 pr shoes for Hopkins & his bill of mending came to  
 3/6.

SATURDAY, OCT. 15 Rainy, with frequent intermissions - unpleasant, but  
 Rain. not cold, wind strong in the S. - the rain came on  
 pretty smartly at night.



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T.Kent Father was ill - cousin Nathan with the boys gath'd apples in the J.Rog  
 Robinson orchard. Tho's Kent was of the party - Edwin R. joined them late in  
 folks. the morning - Uncle Sam arrived as late as 10 A.M. - worked awhile in  
 Press re- the orchard - P.M. handsomely fitted what we term a kook to the S.E.  
 paired. post of the cid. press - the shoulder on the S. of that post having giv  
 Mrs en way. The boys threshed oats while it rained. Abundance of company  
 Montague was entertained P.M. Mrs Lucy Montague with her husband's sister  
 Mrs Theodosia & their babes - Wid. W. & daughter Anne - The former ladies  
 Phelps went away about sunset - I only had a bare peep at them - business con-  
 J.Rogers fined me so as to prevent me my having time to spend with them - nor  
 Spencer could the old coat & long beard be put off. J.Rog's & friend Spencer  
 rode here in J.Mart's wagg - the former bo't 1 gall brandy, for which  
 agreed to pay cash soon including that which he rec'd on the 20th ult.  
 - the latter left 2 pots to be filled with butter - J.R. offered to  
 C Brown sell me his cow - at \$14.00 C.Brown paid us a visit. In the evening  
 Montague we rec'd a short call from E.Montague - J.Phelps, Saff'd Robinson &  
 & Smith Montague - dark when they arrived & when they went away - Mr  
 Phelps. Beers wanted to buy a sheep - the flock was brought up, but too late  
 Beers. to select one this evening, therefore it was put over until morning.  
 Ballard. Mr Ballard arrived from N.Y. without obtaining his prize. During his  
 absence one of his children a year or two old had departed this life.  
 Mr P. was here early in the evening.

Rains. SUNDAY, OCT. 16 There had happened a great thunder shower early  
 this m'g - pretty fair at sunrise - the streams  
 Beers. were considerably raised - puddles well filled - Mr B. being in want  
 of provision, bo't a dry ewe whose carcass weighed 43 lbs, for which  
 he paid in full \$1.50 - by the same (by the same) hand rec'd 18-3/4"  
 for brandy - Had cider to look to & various other calls to attend,  
 so that but little time was devoted to reading. Father was too much  
 out of health to go to church - Dama attended - Wid. W. & her chil-  
 J.Mart. dren were with us this evening. J.Martindale paid his usual respects  
 C.Brown. to us - assisted me at screwing the app. cheese - C.Brown who con-  
 tented himself among our ladies here as well as he could, deposited  
 Cheese with me \$2.00 in money to buy books in Troy. After weighing off 52  
 weighing. cheeses in the dairy room, amounting to lbs 1037 - P.Barb. S.W.D.,  
 Mrs Har. & Adeline not omitting my own dear self were weighed - the fir  
 first lbs 146, 2d 120, 3d 120, 4th 53, 5th 145 - Before sunset it was  
 raining & unpleasant - evening cold N.W. wind.

MONDAY, OCT. 17 Blue & unpleasant - wind pretty strong from N.W.  
 In the midst of cid. making the mill failed - the  
 Making short nut proved to be rotten at the centre - therefore the surface  
 cider. broke away in such manner as to let through whole apples - having  
 Cid Mill ground not far from 100 bbls, past 1 p.M. went to hunt up a carpenter  
 breaks. to make a new mill - saw E.Waters engaged in finishing off B.Squires  
 new shoe maker's shop - he could not come - visited cousin Stephen  
 who promised to be with us on Wednesday next - his business such as not

Oct. to admit of his coming sooner. I returned across the Thayer, Harvey,  
 1825 Walbridge & Smith farms - likewise Green's & Norton's - found many  
 patches of potatoes not yet dug - Capt N. was busy in his still - saw  
 Mr House there - Arrived here sun an hour & a half high - took supper,  
 Cheese packed a hd of cheese, 53 in number, tarred the waggon and otherwise  
 Cousin A. prepared for going to Troy by 9 o'clock - not without much plague &  
 Waters & fretting at the little obstacles that seemed to impede my course, but  
 children. the storm ceased with the cause. Cousin A.Waters, daugh. A. & son N.  
 took leave of us this eve. after paying us a very agreeable visit -







C. Harw'd  
Cows.

calculated to start for home in the morning from friend Elisha's. Timber was procured for making the mill & drawn down ready for action. Mrs Bliss & Mrs (A) P.W. were here this P.M. Rec'd 50 cents cash from Uncle Clark. The cows were pastured in the meadow by Parsons - the fence was very weak next to his lot - slight repairs were made by him & us so as to do for the present.

TUES. OCT. 17 Freezing cold - I presume nearly all day in the shade very blue & uncomfortable - cloudy & gloomy - wind strong in the N.W. Started for Troy between 7 & 8 in the morning - halted at Wad's past 12 - saw a man & boy on their way to Bennington to attend the Oratorio of our singing master Mr Dunton - arrived in T. between 4 & 5 - unloaded my cheese at Mr Arnold's - they immediately put in casks to be conveyed to N.Y. & sold as the other was - forgot to take a receipt - In the eve'g rec'd of them on credit 3 lbs tea which they charged to me at 75" although they were in the way of selling it at 81". Quartered at Mr Stearns' where there was an abundance of company - supped on my own stuff and then commenced marching below - Enquired at D. Merritt & Sons for plaster - they had none - gave me a letter to cousin Perez Harwood who they said owed them some - Left a letter for Miss W. Waters at Miss Flack's - she soon after saw me & sent one by me to Bennington - visited the bookstores - bo't at Disturnell's Hedges' Logic for C. Brown at 75" & at the Half Price Book Store kept by O.W. Sherwood - Walker's Rhyming Dictionary at 1/6 Y'k for C.B. - Bennett's Book-keeping, very nice was offered at \$1/75" - but my instructions would not warrant me in buying - offered Pope's Homer at 75 & would procure & sell me Lampriers C. Dictionary for \$2.00 - At Bickenhoff's bo't a penknife with 2 blades for 1/6, cheese tryer 2/0 & harp for Hopkins 0/4 Y'k. Bo't stove-pipe elbow of Howard for 18 cents

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Visited Hulings' & Powelson's to enquire the price of raw flannel - the former did not wish to purchase at present - said the price was about 37-1/2 - the latter offered to exchange his goods for it at cash. Called at Lamport's to talk respecting pork & learned that it was going to be a very dull article. At Mr Arnold's bo't on cr. 3 lbs h.s. tea for 75" pr lb - complaint was made against certain farmer's cheese which they had purchased the present season - too dry & hard. At Cogswell's I left my gun-barrel to be repaired - they could remove the breech-pin & for making a new one would charge me 75".

WED. OCT. 19 Fair, raw, cldy & chilly - wind strong from N.W. Posted down to Vanderburg & Beefley's to talk of pork - they said they presumed the heaviest could be bo't this year for \$4. pr hund - Great quantities of last years stock was still in market in N.Y. Bo't at Nazro's a paper of shoe nails for 9 cents and at Somebody & Tracy's a pair of leather mittens for S.W. Daniels - pd 50" - Past 7 left Troy - at Reed's, Lansingburgh, being hailed by the landlord took in a young girl with a small trunk - bound to Pittstown meeting house. At the foot of Oil Mill Hill rec'd rec'd & paid for about 12 hund. & three quarters Western plaster to the agent of W. Hedges' \$4.18 On the way made considerable inquiry of my female companion respecting her age, family &c. She was born in Greenfield, N.Y. - her name was Olive Lewis, aged 14 last March. Seven years since her father left her mother with 8 children to seek his fortune without any other apparent cause than being some involved - soon after his departure the property was seized in the usual way and consequences followed that attend such procedure. Her brother John, about 9 years of age at that time, was







obliged in Winter to get wood from the side of a neighboring mountain on his hand sled. Her chance for schooling had been very limited, was going now to live with her mother, who had been married two years past to a Mr Jabez Crane & resided near P'town meeting house, having 3 or 4 of the younger children with her, where she calculated on attending school, an opportunity she highly needed. On my arrival at her mothers her sister first came out to meet her, quickly followed by the fond parent - & this was an interesting scene - it was all sincerity - it would have brought tears in the eyes of a veteran - Mrs C. said her child had been without a home for two years - she had now come to the house of a good father-in-law - she meant to send her to school &c. Left them in tears of joy and arrived at Wadsworth's past 1 p.M. Among the travellers there saw a gent. farmer who said from 18 cows made & sold at 7" pr lb 3000 lbs cheese - he belonged in Adams, Ms. Got home by dark - We erected the little stove in the cheese room.

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Oct. THURS. OCT. 20 Searching air from the N. - blue & cldy. Sun looked  
1825 extremely red just before it went down. While gone  
S. Harw'd to Troy cous. S. Harwood had come over & assisted by uncle C. & Mr H.  
Cider turned out a pair of cid. mill nuts - went home at night - These gave  
mill employment to uncle C. & Mr K. all this day. At night rode with Sally  
rebuiot. to Hinsdill's left in the care of Mr Stearns 3 rolls of raw flannel to  
Kent. be dressed - promised it should be finished at the end of 3 weeks. As  
Hinsdill we going past Dr Swift's baeb on our way to H's - paid my school bill  
J. Bates to our friend J. Bates Jun'r, \$1.56" I would add to what is said re-  
Jun'r specting the female youth who rode with me on Wednesday that she said  
Arnold her father's Christian name was Arnold - that her mother was not much  
Lewis. past thirty two

FRID. OCT. 21 Contin'd very chilly - windy, cloudy & unpleas't -  
the evening was fine & light but frosty. On the  
Apples. 20th the apples were nearly all gathered - this day the new mill was  
Kent. so far compleated as to be raised & aweap fixed on - Mr Kent & Uncle  
C. chief operators - A high load of dry butternut wood was collected &  
drawn to Mr K's - two doz milk pans & a Dutch do were procured from L.  
L. Norton Norton's pr Sylvanus who understood the bill to be 16/0. The little  
stove was removed from the Cheese house to the milk room & by borrow-  
ing 2 joints of friend Beers we were enabled to set it up. Presumed  
Stove pipewe had lent out or lost one or 2 joints of pipe attached to the stove.  
W. Bates. W. Bates agreed to chop in the woods for us a few days at 50" pr day.  
C. Brown Charles Brown this evening came out & staid with us - rec'd his books  
which I bo't in Troy - The Logic he considered dear, but the Dictionary  
being low made him contented - the money over what they came to he al-  
lowed me towards what he said he owed me - & I put it to his credit,  
\$1.06"

SAT. OCT. 22 The morning was cold & frosty - the day proved fine  
& mild - wind S. After much trouble & vexation the  
Cider mill was made to go well - 120 bhls apples were worked up - my father  
laid it on the press - 188 gals cider sent to the still pr S.W.D. - we  
C. Harwood kept screwing till 9 in the evening - Uncle C. assisted in rigging the  
Wm Bates mill - visited Algiers - & P.M. worked at sashes. Wm Bates worked in  
the woods as agreed upon.

SUNDAY, OCT. 23 Cloudy, mild, wind high in the S. Thirty seven year  
Birth day have I seen up to this day & but little wiser for  
that. Wrote Journal - took care of cider &c. Father went to meeting  
accompanied by his brother C.







Poor they heard a stranger in the pulpit whom they gave no praises - father preaching. could not hear him at all - Uncle C. heard plain enough, but thought J. Mart. him a lifeless flat performer. J. Martindale entertained us with his Parsons company a considerable part of the day & eve'g - assisted at screwing. Friend Parsons was also a visitant this evening - expatiated largely on the vice of tale-bearing & the propensity of women to that vile practice J. Rogers Dama ret'd late in the day from J. Rogers'. On (Thurs) Wednesday the 19 H. Kinsly inst., if I am correct, Mr Harry Kinsley was married to Miss T. Upham - married. both of this town

MOND. OCT. 24 Tolerably fair, the wind blew pretty high & chilly from N.W. Early & spiritedly we entered upon the Cider. cider making business - ground up 120 bbls - sent 188 galls cid. to the still and a like quantity to Mr Gleasons', Mr G. agreeing to furnish th T. Kent. the same at the still. Tho's Kent assisted 3 or 4 hours at grinding - sent a billet by him as he was going to Algiers for his mother, to in- Ben & J. form J. Rogers that I would see him on the morrow. Ben. & Joe Hand Hand. called here in the morning on their way to Hoosick - B. played the vio- lin for us in good style - also in the evening after their return - Friend Parsons was a listener - likewise Wm Bates, who during the day P. Barber worked at chopping. Patience Barber, having most of her quills wound, wove 20-3/4 yds woolen this day.

TUESDAY, OCT. 25 Pretty chilly and blue till nearly noon - P.M. much R. Carpenter more mild & very pleas't - wind N. A.M. - S. P.M. Visited town - had my frail body measured by R. Carpenter for a loose Dr Ashley coat - Took a letter to Dama out of the P.O. for Miss Ashley, for which p'd 12-1/2" - it contained good news & was very entertaining - next O. & A. went to F. Blackmer & Co - drew an Order for Mr Elkanah Barney on O. & A Arnold. Arnold, Toy, for money due for the first parcel of my cheese with in- structions to pay my account at J. Gary's & get his receipt. Gov. Tich lawyer Squire, J. Hubbell Esq & L. Patchin were there a part of the time. Rogers. From this place went to Algiers - visited J. Rogers & family who were well - dined there - looked at their cows - concluded not to buy - had some nails driven into my shoes by J.R. at S's shop which was pretty A. Norton full of workmen - Saw A. Norton who said he'd come with his casks for Ballard. cider on the morrow - Saw J. Ballard with leather in his hand that he said his friend Allen had pilfered from him - had no sheepskins fit for harding mittens - S. Scott, H. Scott & E.D. Hubbell were present under Hill's horseshed. J. Hand accompanied me from J. Rogers - we got home by Cider to half past 3 P.M. Mr G. had rec'd 188 more gals of cider in the manner Eleason. above mentioned.

Oct. Late P.M. Mr Oatman the dry good dealer drove up, brought in & exposed 1825 his goods for sale, but I believe traded none on account of the money Oatman. drought which at present prevailed in this spot. Mr Hall this day so far H. Hall. agreed with me for a fat hog at \$5. pr hund as that if I should not C.H. hear from him during the present week I might consider it a bargain. Parsons. Uncle C. went the rounds this day - to the furnace &c. Mrs Parsons J. Mart. paid our ladies a visit this P.M. J. Martindale this eve'g came to see us with his painting suit on - assisted me at pressing a little.

WED. OCT. 26 Cloudy - very chilly in the morning - high wind SW. Grew more mild tow'd eve'g. Made cider. The usual S. Law- quantity of app's was ground. P.M. Mr Sol Lawrence came over to get a tence. 1'd of cider for Aaron Norton - 1 hhd & 3 bbls which were filled - A. Norton making about 6-3/4 bbls cider which was put to his account. Luman J. Brown. Nort came with Mr L. Mr John Brown, Jackson, N.Y. with his lady visi- ted here this P.M. - they had been to Windsor, Mss., Pittsfield do and







Lebanon, N.Y., - at night they went to tarry at E. Waters'. I regretted much that my business did not permit me to spend more time with friend B. P.M. rode with my lady & P. Barber's to Peck's Cott. Factory to procure cott. yarn for the latter to weave. The factory was not in operation - Mr P. shewed us the machinery - we then rode to Hinsdill's where we viewed the works & left about 10 yds woolen cloth to be dressed - Black came on to F.B. & Co's & bo't trimmings for my loose coat to the amount of about \$1.31" - on credit - returned home at 7 in the evening. J. Hand. Hand tarried with us. Mary A. Waters was taken very ill in the night - M.A. Wat's I went after Dr H. Swift, but failed of bringing him here because he was himself ill & under the operation of medicine - sent her some paragoric & a bunch of senna, which I believe had the desired effect.

Wm Bates W. Bates worked half a day for us. P.M. shot red squirrels. Charles C. Brown. Brown came here at night - agreed to buy me a cow & c. Mrs P. Waters bot Butter. of us 6 lbs butter & paid money down one dollar.

THURS. OCT. 27 High wind with very frequent showers of rain from S.W. all day - at night the wind hauled round to NW with most dreadful gusts, & the rain fell in torrents. It was a busy day with us pressing out & running cider into the cellar - storing Cider. plaster & c. Sylvanus threshed rye. W. Bates made an attempt at chopping, but gave it up & fired at & killed squirrels - it was a mistake Wm Bates writing this circumstance under the 26. The ladies P.M. visited Mrs Company Gleason. J. Hand went to Algiers. Uncle C. was about through with sash C. Harwood making for the present.

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Oct. 1825 FRIDAY, OCT. 28 The late heavy rain filled all the streams to the brim - the air was searching in the morning - considerable air stirring from N.W. P.M. it became more mild & pleas't. 120 bbls apples were converted into pomice - father assisted awhile at building the cheese, but being unwell retired to other employment. D.W. Sylvanus compleated the job in good style a little before night. Mr Beers. Beers came up & viewed our business, spoke of putting in a few apples John with us at our last making. John Robinson rec'd here 4 lbs butter at Robinson. 1/0 and 22-1/2 do cheese at such rate as that which I sent to N. York - J. Mart. p'd \$2.00 - handsome Rutland money - the cheese to be settled for in J. Hand. full at another day. In the eve. J. Mart came here - J. Hand tarried with us.

SAT. OCT. 29 The morning was fine - P.M. rather chilly & cloudy, wind N. Pressing out & running cider into the cellar made up the main employment. On the 28th Sally & Diadama bo't Ladies trade goods to the am't of \$15.30" towards which they paid 28-1/2 yds domestic at F.B. & Co. flannel at 40" pr yd & \$1.62" cash - \$13.02". Blackmer rec'd for me Cash pr by the hand of Z. K. Barney from O. & A. Arnold, Troy, tow'd cheese \$75.00 O. & A. out of which according to my orders he took \$10.00 on acc't - the remainder, \$65.00, was bro't me by the ladies above named - Mr Barney J. Hand rec'd for his services 25 cents pr Blackmer, who added it to my acc't. pd in full J. Hand. To Joseph Hand in the eve'g I paid \$22.00 that was borrowed of him on the 10th of August last - and this morning took up a note of \$14.00 given in Nov. 1824, exacted of me no interest on account of accommodation here in the way of board - Departed for Troy past 10 A.M. I rec'd from him tow'd work performed by Sally 83" - which left us even all round. P.M. marched to Algiers - p'd \$3.33" in full to Asahel Harwood near the store of Alson Squire, for his father's making shoes here, a receipt was spoken of, but was dispensed with as being unnecessary. Carding Next paid my bill at the new Factory for carding 69-3/4 lbs wool, \$4.18 paid for to Mr Volentine of the partners of the establishment - Directed my







course into the street, talked a moment with Mr Godfrey & his friend  
 T.Hills Pratt. On my way to the W. village was overtaken by Turner Hills who  
 said if I would fill & bring him 3 bbls cider he would pay me \$3.cash  
 & would forward the bbls to Blackmer's store. At Blackmer & Co's bo't  
 S W Dan'l's 1b shot for S.W.Daniels & paid 0/9 for the same. At F.Clark's took  
 Note to up a note of \$3.50<sup>#</sup> given Aug. 2d to B.Packard & agreed to have him re-  
 Packard ceive 1 bbl cider on account which thought would about pay the ballance  
 paid. - visited Clark's book store - bo't 1 quire of paper - charged - and  
 agreed to let him

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Oct. have 3 bbls cider towards the newspaper, books &c. which I am indebted  
 1825 to him for - he did not know as he could get his casks ready - if he  
 Cider to could he would do so. While there saw Mr Kellogg & W. Bates - the lat-  
 D.Clark. ter had engaged to work for E.Montsgue 1 month. I called at Judge Fay's  
 Judge F. Mrs F. politely & cordially rec'd me - said cousin Heman was doing  
 well in Albany - had visited her last Christmas day with her brother  
 Acc't of Tho's who was now a U.S.Capt. living in style at Sackett's Harb.  
 \$5.50 Judge F. knew me. I presented an account of \$5.50<sup>#</sup> for cider & cider  
 making in 1823 & 1824 which she said should be paid as soon as she could  
 Cash pr conveniently - told her that would do - we should not drive for it - At  
 Blackmer. S.H.Blackmer's rec'd on acc't \$5.00 (p. 809) Called at Mr Chandler's &  
 learned from his wife that he was very ill with a fever - I mean the  
 Gleason young man. Called at Mr Gleason's & presented an acc't of \$9.81<sup>"</sup> - of  
 account. which \$6.93<sup>"</sup> was for cheese & brandy - had rec'd tow'd the last 75<sup>"</sup>  
 leaving a balance due in money of 6 dolls & 18<sup>"</sup>, agreed to take the oth  
 er in work or any way most convenient to him - Came away with Mr Kent -  
 Kent. met friend Parsons who wanted to buy cheese - had none for him - that  
 Settle- could be spared. This evening P.Barber finished making loose coat in  
 ment with very good style - settled with & paid her off, there being a balance in  
 P.Barber her favor of \$2.55<sup>"</sup>. She had worked for us 23-1/2 weeks at 75<sup>"</sup> abd 3  
 days at tayloring at 25<sup>"</sup>, amounting in the whole to \$18.38<sup>"</sup>. We did  
 not perfectly agree as to the price of a pair of calfskin boots - she  
 complained that they were made of poor leather & so I put them at \$1.25  
 1/6 at least under their real value. I will give her the praise of be-  
 ing a good weaver, good spinner, good dairy girl (if she feels disposed)  
 & good seamstress. Tho's Kent was gone most of the day to get our bay  
 Death of mare's shoes set at A.Norton's - a thing I disliked in the blacksmith  
 J.Lawrenceto detain the boy & horse so long. The remains of Mr John Lawrence  
 were this day interred (May 2nd 1824) . Uncle C. repaired Adeline's  
 Kent. cricket. Mr Kent performed a job at hooping including Ruttenburs hhd.  
 J.Mart J.Mart came here this evening.

SUNDAY, OCT. 30 It was chilly,cloudy,looked very likely to rain  
 Petersburg till some past noon - appeared then to break away -  
 Much more mild - wind S.W. Rode to Mr Phillips' in Petersburg, N.Y.  
 with Mrs Harw'd & P. Barber. Found Mr P. engaged in clap-boarding the  
 S. end of his house - the old ones

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Oct. had been on about thirty five years. Saw & spoke with old Mr Philips  
 1825 who complained a little of rheumatism - Patience B's brothers was Mr  
 P's joiner. After supper visited old Mr Barber & lady - saw their daug-  
 ter Hannah with her babe & 2 other interesting little girls not over 7  
 years of age - made a short tarry - started for home when the sun was  
 hardly an hour high - arrived here late in the eve'g - say between 8 &  
 9 o'clock - J.Mart. assisted at unharnessing horses - We went out and  
 came back by Mamma Shaw's on account of the river's being so high -  
 saw many fine fields of wint. grain.







MONDAY, OCT. 31 Very cloudy till past noon - chilly - expected rain it even sprinkled some, but finally wore away & we had good weather. Ground more than 120 bbls apples which were chiefly made into what we term a cheese by S.W.D. Tho's Kent had oxen & cart to go to Algiers to get a sheet iron stove & pipe from Mr Gabey's for his father. I sent by ge him to bring Turner Hills' bbls, but by instruction from our old careful fr'd Mr G. who was afr/aid his stove would be injured, he returned without them - so Sylvanus was sent on that errand towards night & executed the trust fully in a l h.wagg.

Thomas Kent. Friend Parsons appeared to want to buy pork - talked of purchasing one of our hogs along with Mr Bisbee. I went with oxen & cart to Mr Ruttenbur's to transport thither his hhd of cider containing 122 galls - landed N.W. of his house a few rods in Mantague's lane - was assisted in unloading by cous. H. Duncan - went to M's & hot his empty hhd which was said to be unprepared, engaged myself that it should be - At D.Clark's took in 3 cider bbls which wanted hoop'g &c. which I promised to see done as I wanted and was anxious to fill them for him. Took in another at F. Clark's - called at F.B. & Co's & bo't 2 sk's sew'g silk and 1 lb gr'd logwood - 18" on book - Arrived here sometime after dark. Uncle C. appeared greatly engaged on the subject of Perpet. perpetual Motion - he thought he had so improved on his first plan as to be able motion. to make it go.

TUES. NOV. 1st Very fine & smoky till tow'd eve'g when the wind blew fresh S.W. & brought on a cold rain that per- haps lasted 2 hours. Went early to Mr Kent's & got the man to come & hoop casks for us which employ'd him till nearly noon - a new iron hoop was set on Montague's bbl hhd. I conveyed three bbls cider to Turner Hills & rec'd money down, \$3.00 - left two more at A.Norton's according to contract - wanted to get a horse shod but failed - ret'd home about noon - Parsons appeared to want the team to draw a

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Nov'r 1825 load of wood - but after Mr Beers had waited the greatest part of the P.M. for him to go forward & assist and direct - went home - no wood drawn. Mr Kent rec'd 1 bbl cider on acc't - Mrs K. borrowed the big iron kettle. During my absence in Alg. father filled M's hhd without first knowing that it was extremely musy musty & that it was to have been previously rensed & limed - On this account I went to see him - he was talking with Dr H. Swift respecting the old Hatheway Suit - went with him to Dewey's still and arranged business about right re- specting the hhd. Saw W. Bates who reckoned he had chopped for us 3-1/2 days - Capt Hendryx appeared engaged about his new buildings - Dewey's still was going very lively - Esq'r Hubbell's people were making cider there - Jacob Brooks appear'd to be busy in carting home refuse bits of boards, chips &c. from the Hebdryx house given him by Montague. I got home after sundown. C.Brown tarried over night with us. J.Mart. staid till late in the eve'g & then pushed for home.

W. Bates C.H. Uncle C. labored hard at Perpetual motion.

WED. NOV. 2d Rainy, flying flying cl'ds during most of the A.M. P.M. chilly but rather more pleas't, wd N.W. The last heap of apples measuring 90 bbls was ground up, besides 11 more furnished by fr'd Beers who for the team to transport them & making the cider was to pay in labor. We sent off Montague's hhd & bbl to Dewey's according to agreement & if he could not exchange the contents of the former cask for good cider, we were to receive pay for it in brandy at Dewey's still at the usual rate. P.M. S.W.Daniels carried in the cart 2 bbls cider to L.Chandler & Son, 1 do to F. Clark & 3 others

D.W.Beers  
Montague  
Chandler.  
F.Clark.  
D.Clark







D. Robinson Jr to D. Clark - He also transported 43-1/4 lbs butter to D. Robinson Jun'r. We shall presently show how much cider was made this season & how it was disposed of

THURS. NOV. 3d Raw & chilly - flying clds - wind N.W. turned S.W. at night. S.W. Daniels went early to Algiers, carrying in the wag. Mrs Parsons 2 bbls onions for Mr Ayres - got the young horse shod & returned by half past 1 P.M. Our business was not very urgent - pressing out cider & threshing a few oats. Parsons & his friend Beers had oxen & cart to get a load of wood from gen. Rob's woods. Mr Sherw'd & his fr'd Shub. Rogers dined here - they had been trying to buy of S.H. Brown a few Merino's but his price being \$10.00 a head, they thought it too high & therefore could not trade. Mr S. requested me to try pork market in Troy & Lansingburgh which I agreed to do. Dexter's boy agreed for 20 lbs butter at 1/0 pr lb.

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Nov'r 1825  
Cash pr  
E. Waters  
S.W. Daniels.  
Mrs Waters sent her son Elisha here with \$1. in money to buy 6 lbs butter - we rec'd the same - let them have 1 lb butt. tow'd it & Promised the remainder as soon as it could be spared. Mrs Spencer rec'd & pd for 1 lb do - Made a sort of settlement with S.W. Daniels from which it app'd that there had been paid to his father in various ways & to him \$20.45", leaving due tow'd 7 months service at \$6.00 per month \$21.55" Paid him this eve'g ten dollars - promised 10 lbs butter at 1/0 - besides which there was due \$9.88". It would have been a singular & heartfelt pleasure to us to have been able to pay him off in full as he had been one of the most faithful hands we had employed for several years past. He had lost but 2 days time since the 4th of April last which we did not require him to make up on account of assistance on Sun Perpetual days in making cider. Uncle C. busy at Perpet. M. It was some part of Motion. my business to prepare for going to Troy.

FRIDAY, NOV. 4 Chilly & frosty in the morning, quite mild P.M.  
Troy. We arose early - but were not able to get away until  
C. Brown. nearly sunrise. My sister D. & fr'd C. Brown were my companions. Capt E. Waters but on board a small box containing articles for his daughter of Troy. I halted at Hedges plast. mill - weighed off 1/2 ton W. plast. & left it - arrived in Troy about 3 P.M. - landed D. at Mr Moseley's - stabled my horses at Stearnes' - While at the plast. mill friend Brown executed that part of Mr Sherwood's orders respecting the price of pork in Lansingburgh - poor success - no offer higher than \$4.75" per cwt. In Troy visited Arnold's - no news from my last load of cheese - he was good enough to advance me \$10. - agreed to accept of my order on O. & A Arnold for what was due at J. Gary's - \$16.21" - at the latter place the Clerk, Mr Koon drew the order which I signed & saw it put to my credit in full. Looked in the Book stores for Brown - could not find him - returned to S's & supped on my stuff - Previous to this had felt of the pork buyers - no regular price had been established, nor but little bought - they did not like to make any offer - nothing was heard on the subject higher than \$4.75". Those merchants of whom I made this inquiry were Lampion, P. Dater & Bradley & V.D. Burgh. Walked down to Mr Wilson's to see H. Debar - found him writing accounts for his employer - was rec'd in a very friendly manner. As soon as fr'd Debar had finished his business he walked away with me - overtook young Sibley - spoke with him - went in quest of friend Charles whom we found at Lasells' - with him went to the Half Price bookstore where he had already purchased several books - added more to the number among which were Lamppierce's C. Dictionary & Tylers History - travelled back to Stearnes' - had horses grained - left my fr'd to







lodge there & myself posted down street again - halted against Lasells to see if I could hear the music of our old friend C. Bell who was performing in the third story, but the distance was such as to cause the sound to be too faint to convey a correct idea of the pieces performed - rejoined friend Debar at a grocery kept by Churchill where there were other youngsters pres't, one of whom they called Staats - with Henry went home to Mr W's and after a short time spent in conversation sitting in the parlour where the old lady was busy at a large bedquilt on the frame - retired to bed.

SAT. NOV. 5

Thick smoke & fog covered all the valley of the Hudson this morning till a late hour - held smoky & quite warm through the day - Departed from Mr W's a little past six - visited the docks - found a canal boat alongside partly laden with wheat from the W. - her full load had consisted of 1000 bbls - saw a good many great guns lying promiscuously about - Bo't 14 lbs br. sugar at O. & A. Arnolds at 12" pr lb on credit - talked some with the clerk about opening a trade with them on cr. if they could sell cheaper than I could buy at home & no dearer than their brethren in the City - he promised favorably - Harnessed at Stearns' - drove to Moseley's & while D. was getting ready exchanged a Pittsburgh \$5. bill with Mr M. for a \$2. Farmers Bank & a three dollar bill for a Chenango bill No. 3098 - my object in the exchange was to obtain a three dollar note to pay for my half ton of plaster, but on my presenting it to him, the tender at the mill, he refused to take it because as he said there were so many counterfeits on that bank so masterly executed as to defy the acutest scrutiny - so I paid him other money - mentioning at the same time the persons name who gave me it - that I should not hesitate to swear it on to him if it were disputed. Some business was transacted by D. in Riv'r street - we were immediately joined by fr Br. who looked some for oysters a few of which he wanted to buy for Capt. Barney, but found none either at T. or Lansingburgh. Took in the plaster before friend Charles came up from the City, but he soon overtook us - we came on without accident till our young bay stumbled & fell broadside at the foot of the hill this side Raymond's town Village nearly against a saw mill - the harness was some injured but soon regulated - the horse moved forward again without receiving hurt. A little beyond the steep part of the hill W. of Pittstown Meeting House met Capt. H.A. Fay of Albany in a one h. waggon painted green riding without company - did not recollect him soon enough to speak with him - heard of him at Wadsworth's.

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Past 2 P.M. arrived at W's - staid there about an hour - came on without trouble or accident except the trial of a little experiment by my good friend in blocking the waggon wheel with a small round stone when the team halted at the steepest ascent of Armstrong Hill - previously removing another that held it fast which was of a size much larger according to the doctrine I held to in opposition to him - the wagg. ran back over his little ball & very much disconcerted the horses for a moment, but I again applied my block which stayed it till they were ready and then they took the load up without farther hesitation - arrived here at 10 minutes past 7 this evening - Found all well & in good order. In Troy returned to Mr Howard the elbow stove pipe which I bo't of him when there in Oct. - rec'd back the money - 18" - Bo't of O.W. Sherwood 1 gro paper for 20" & a toy-book for Hopkins, 3". My expence bill was 42" - D. bo't in her way goods to the am't of \$1.81" - in all including 1/2 ton plast. \$4.46







SUND. NOV. 6 Extremely pleas't warm day & smoky, w'd S. Neighbor G's flock plagued us this morning. Perused C. Brown books some. The following persons visited us : J. Mart., J. Rog., J. M. B. Spencer & N. Rob., who chose came down with father from meeting if I rightly understood it. S. Robinson Jun was in town. C. Brown returned to his school district at night. Old Mrs G. was conveyed by her people to meeting this day. Mr Peters communicated to the Church & Congregation that he had rec'd a loud call from some quarter below - talked some of obeying it - if I correctly understood what was told.

MOND. NOV. 7 Very pleas't indeed - dry, smoky & warm - wind gentle from the N. - tow'd eve'g came from the S. By the hand of J. Robinson rec'd payment in full on that account presented Mrs Fay, p. 819 & likewise 12-1/2" to make up the price of the cheese which the former bo't here oct. 28. Conveyed grist of rye to D's mill - bo't a sheepskin of Ballard on cr. at I think 34" - drove along the road leading from Algiers out to Stephen Rob. thence to Mr Finton's - called to see wid. Rice to know if she had rec'd anything towards cousin Ruth's demand against Ariel Denio from his father - she replied in the negative - I then visited the old gentleman myself, found him at work at his occupation - making shoes - said he should pay no debt excepting such as he contracted himself - returned to Mr F's - dined - baited my horse & left the note with the widow which she said she should forward to her brother Ephraim in Rupert - Spoke of some vinegar for which they owed us that I had forgotten, payable in blacksmithing which I agreed to call & get done some day

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Nov. 1825 J. Watson Lower cotton factory. Hinsdill. Sherw'd D. Clark Parsons. Banking. N's still  
Went in rather a circuitous way to Sage's City - saw & spoke with Mr J. Watson - visited the Lower cott. Factory to see if I could procure yarn to weave - the chief director was not present, but was informed by one of the workmen that they had agreed for as much weaving at present as they wanted - next went down to Hinsdill's works & got two rolls of cloth, one of which was red flannel - the remainder unfinished might be had within ten days. Rode to Capt L. Sherwood's and left word according to what is mentioned respecting pork on Friday. Capt L. and his folks had not returned from their days work - the sun was gone down when I left there - came to town by Mr Vails - agreed to sell a hog to Darius Clark that should weigh 360 lbs for \$5. the cwt. Bro't home the newspaper & read over the sketch of the Bank Debate. Friend Parsons was a hearer - forepart of the evening he started a number of questions respecting the property appraised to Mr Gleason last spring &c. Father carried 60 gs cider to N's still & had 409 galls more put to our credit which had been carried by us to Mr G's house.

TUESDAY, NOV. 8 Very fine & warm, almost like summer - a little smoky. The leach tub was filled with ashes, caldron filled with water & a few loads of manure carted into the S. meadow - W. part - sold a bull of fine disposition & well built nearly 3 yrs old for \$12. cash - they reported his weight to be 622 lbs - hide 87 - Quart's . Mr Beers & a young rough character from Connecticut were assistants in the butchering business. Esq'r Bates & son Newt. made cider, the latter went to mill for me in the eve'g which p'd for the use of horses grinding their apples. Went to the W. village to find market for pork, but failed - saw W. Haswell & heard him make out a close calculation about buying pork to barrel, from which it app'd that little could be gained by it. At Dewey's saw Col Nort., N. Weeks, Bisbee & Wallace - tzlkd sometime with B. - saw Mont. in the street who said I might take off the hoop which we put upon his hhd, & so I did & gave







him credit therefor. Bo't & p'd for 2 sks bl. sew'g silk at F.B.& Co' 12". Came home and found Charles Grimes here on a short visit. The ladies rec'd the company of Mrs Sam. Fay, Mrs L. Edgerton & Mrs Stephen Hinsdill this P.M. On Monday morning paid \$1.75 to William Bates for 3-1/2 days chopping - he giving his word of honor that what his father owed us should be paid.

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Nov'r WED. NOV. 9 Low foggy clds - chilly, some rainy & unpleas't - w  
1825. wind N.W. With oxen & cart only, carried out 7 lds  
Bates manure. Bates made cider. Uncle C. went abroad to Algiers &c. Our ladies were making app. sauce.

Frost THURS. NOV. 10 Cold & frosty in the mg, but pleas't the subsequent  
part of the day. Frost rested on the trees at the  
upper edge of the E. mountains all day. Same business again. Uncle C.  
Perpetual said he had made an important discovery respecting his perfect M. - that  
Motion. if the principle upon which he had founded his theory were generally  
known, 100,000 persons would go to work to try ~~it~~ the experiment. The  
Bigland. ladies finished their app. sauce. I read Bigland on the Decline & Fall  
of Rome.

FRIDAY, NOV (10) 11 A chilly S. wind prevailed the major part of the day  
C.Harwood Cloudy some - wind changed to N. at night. For th  
Billings present finished carting manure. Uncle C. went to wid. Billing's & pe  
performed a day's work in his line of business, fixing in sashes, glass  
Cheese &c. We removed from the dairy room at the J.Rogers house 20 cheeses  
which perhaps might weigh 18 lbs a piece - the whole number on hand was  
39 - making an aggregate of nearly 800 cwt - 31 were laid on the kitche  
Griswold shelves to cure. Neighbor G. seemed deeply engaged in the sheep specu-  
lation. Our ladies this eve'g sat up till a late hour with Fielding's  
Tom. Jones

SAT. NOV. 12 Flying clouds, high chilling blasts of N.W. wind  
made it seem unpleas't - very dry in the roads -  
dust flew high at times. Father was ill - we had calculated to visit  
Mt Antho- the highest peak of Mount Anthony had his health been good. S.W.Dan-  
ny. iels called upon us & I paid him for his father in money \$9.88" - he  
Cash pfd left us a little past noon - Hopkins app'd really pleased at seeing  
S.W.D. him - Business called me to town where I paid to F.Blackmer & Co \$5.  
Cash paid in N.Hamp. money - bo't & paid for 1 lb pepper 1/0. Friend B. wanted a  
F.Blackmercheese - informed him that I had none fit to dispose of - Mr Gabey & Mr  
Mr Gabey White were present - the latter I took to be a little "How fare's you"  
- the former wanted to buy cider and pay in goods at F.B.& Co's store  
to which I did agree. Mr Patchin met me in the street & wanted to pur-  
chase cheese payable in goods. At Mr D.Clark's staid some time ponder-  
ing on my pork business which seemed to me very dull - visited & inform  
Cushman ed Mr Cushman that next week we intended killing & bringing him his  
pork. I thought although it must be allowed to be a greasy article, yet  
Clark it at \$5. went down hard with him. Returned to friend C's & found him  
dangling notwithstanding his unwieldly form - he had purchased since I  
saw him a hog of Esq Fallmore at the same rate, but easier p'd because  
the man owed him - was now for getting off - but finding it was going  
to disappoint me he consented to receive it himself or otherwise find  
market for it. Saw while there L't Saff'd, D.Rob. Jr., J.Hubb. Esq,  
Kellogg, U.M.Rob., Alva Rice, W. Has., - Borrowed Homer of S.H.Blackmer  
to whom I bargained 1 hog - came home & read the Illiad &c &c.







Nov'r 1825 Death of Wm Gray. M.A.W. Mr Bowen the paper maker walking down street with me mentioned seeing i in the paper the death of the celebrated William Gray - aged 75. Mary A.Waters was conveyed by Damia to Capt E.Waters' to reside awhile. P.808 -

SUND. NOV. 13 High, chilly S. wind, cldy, storm expected. Read a l little in the illiad - looked to the usual concerns about the barn &c. P.M. visited my friend H. Dimmick who I found reading the Gazette surrounded by his wife & children - engaged to butcher hogs for us on Tuesday next, or if thst should be a bad day for the business, to take the first fair one that followed - informed me that I could receive a quantity of boards at Ovaitt's soon. Came home by way of the Old Reynolds place, now the residence of Burrel Green - saw two pedlars. men with a close cov'd one horse wagg. with patent clocks for sale - J.Nort.Jr they were from Litchfield, C't - saw J.Norton Junr who said he would get our money for us at Troy where he should go on Tuesday. At home Letter to P.Barber found J.Mart Jun'r - wrote a letter to P.Barber, Petersburg, N.Y. informing respecting the cotton as mentioned p. 826 - much nonsense followed - such as she made use of when here - J.M.Jrs name was inserted, p. 821. There had been talk of his coming here to weave cotton early in winter under certain conditions - this letter went to show that as the prices stood it would not do.

MONDAY, NOV. 14 Rained a good deal during the A.M. principally from S. or S.E. P.M. wind was fresh N.W. with flying clouds - clear eve'g. Some part of my time was devoted to reckoning up debts against & for us. To Dr S. alone, allowing his physicians charge since March 1822 to am't \$44.00, there was due \$315.21 In summing it together I stated thus - due on Brown note of Feb 28 1822, \$127.03, do settlement note March 18 1822 \$44.18 - Store debt 1825 \$100 add as above to the D'rs book acc't \$44. - \$315.21 - then put to this, due F.B & Co., \$13.50, S.Hinsdill \$6.00, W. Haswell say \$3.00, not to say a word of taxes of any kind, would swell the bill to \$337.71. On the other hand, all that I could muster, & some part of that doubtful, in notes & cash acc'ts did not exceed \$64.70 to which add for cheese, estimated, \$25.00 - butt. \$20.00 - little debts \$3. - Cash on hand \$17.50 making a total of \$130.00 - leaving a balance of \$207.71 against us. To dispel this gloom in some degree let us add in our favor the probable amount of pork to be sold, \$60.00 which would lessen the above to \$147.71

Nov'r 1825 S.W.D. We made due preparation for butchering - assisted some by our young friend, S.W.Daniels who came down from P.M't a little past noon - sent him to Dr S.Robinson's to give notice of our business on the morrow to father & son. My letter to P.Barber was carried to the P.Office by him S.Thayer Jr. Sim Thayer Jr came to see about buying cider, but no bargain was made. In the eve'g read a lively debate in the Legislature on the Bank question - also in Homer the single combat between Astrides & Paris, from Iliad. which the latter was removed by a Goddess - the interview between Helen & him followed - all in curious language.

TUESDAY, NOV. 15 Fine day for butchering - cool wind N.W. & flying wlds - seven hogs were butchered & handsomely dressed by our good friend S.Robinson and H.Dimmick assisted by ourselves & S.W.Daniels. The first 4 thst were weighed with Capt Hicks' steelyards stood as follows - after throwing off 1 pound from three of them severally for weight of strap which was light & didnot amount to more than six ounces - lbs 351, 346, 345, 343. The next three thus, lbs 357, kept



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Butcher- many weeks by himself in the horse stable, 351 & 203, both females, fed  
ing. always alike & since the 2d of July lay in a separate, ~~but~~ pen, but  
such was the nature of the light weazle built thing that she could not  
be fattened more. After dark, there being a small piece of moon, accomp-  
Pork delivered family all from home - delivered the 2d best, or perhaps the 2d only in  
weight to Capt Hall - the third to Mr Cushman - the first to D.Clark wh  
who was suspicious of his weight - got Rouse's patent steelyards &  
weighed it - lowering it to 348 - they thought it had shrunk so much  
since being weighed at home - my fr'nd profited little or nothing by  
his weighing - had to bring in a handsome treat at B's - It was now  
nearly 10 o'clock & we parted with Uncle Sam who had been very faithful  
and good, but had the misfortune to wound himself in the left wrist.  
We came down to Blackmer's & luckily as we were consulting what course  
to pursue B. arrived from Pownal, & with hard tugging we landed his  
pork (which was the lightest carcass of the 4) safely in his cellar -  
for which he treated handsomely and so we came home. In this day's pa-  
per was published the death of John Fay Billing at Charlestown, S.C.  
aged 45 years.

WED. NOV. 16 Tolerably fair, some chilly, flying clds. Friend D.  
early & very expeditiously cut up our pork which wa  
was salted in 2 casks, 1 for each branch of

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Nov'r the family - after breakfast D. hastened off to butcher a cow for his  
1825 neighbor Capt Barney. I sent verbally to the Arnolds this morning at  
J. Mont. Troy for money by J. Montague Jr - he came along before I had time to  
Parsons. draw an order - Mr Parsons went to A. Robinson's to making shoes. Rec'd  
S.W. Dan- from his lady for lbs 20 pork exclusive of rib \$1 in money. Paid S.W.  
iels. Daniels in full for 7 months work 10 lbs butter at 1/0, which made up  
Paid in with what he had rec'd the whole to \$42.00 - paid him also for his last  
full. days work, 3 qts brandy - he & his brother Andrus went home to gether -  
Last evening left with Capt D. Robinson Jr 18 lbs butter, which added to  
43-1/2 do delivered on the 2d inst made lbs 61-1/4 - but I told him it  
should count only 61. I thought the price seemed rather to go hard with  
him, though he said nothing against it.

THURS. NOV.. 17 The ground was partially whitened in the morning  
Snow. with a very slight snow which soon dried away - S.  
chilly wind ensued, a part of the time it was tolerably pleasant, but  
mainly cloudy - stormed some at night. We scraped the milking yard &  
Manure. collected about 5 lds manure which was carried into the N. meadow this  
side the plowed ground where flax has usually been spread to rot. Mr  
Ayres. Ayres had some business & conversation with us while thus employed. In  
the evening the churn was under motion & a quantity of apples pared to  
C. Brown dry. Charles Brown came to see & talk with us - put in my hands \$1 in  
money - I agreed to assume the sum of ten dollars at the store of Dr  
Swift, which he said that he could pay by about the first of Jan'y 1826  
Some fun was made by him of the appointment of Jac. Lyon, Justice of  
the Peace for Bennington - did not much approve of the appointment of  
Capt S. Black'r as such.

Snow. FRIDAY, NOV. 18 A very severe blow & snow came on from NW which con-  
tinued until late in the day - the wind did not  
cease till sometime in the night & the cold was as freezing as winter.  
Several accounts were copied - father read Gordon - Uncle C. worked  
some at perpet. m. P.M. told anecdotes of light import - the cattle  
Fodder. were foddered & not milked at night. Young E. Waters came down & bo't 3







Marriage lbs butter for his mother - pd 50" - Last evening Mr Jesse Loomis was of J.Loom married to the amiable Miss Sarah Blackmer, daughter of Samuel Blackme is Jr. Esq by Asa Hyde Esq, all of Bennington. Late at night (18th) arrived G.Smedley our friend G.Smedley, last from Troy, but 2 weeks since from Salino, N.Y. - left his wife well.

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Nov'r While on the subject of matrimony it is necessary to record the marriage  
1825 of our good friend Bliss Loomis to the amiable & modest Miss Champney,  
B.Loomis the sister of our late neighbor, Nathaniel F. C. at on the  
married.

SATURDAY, NOV. 19 Cold & freezing morning - fair but chill weather followed - Cloudy with fresh wind from S.W. closed the day - While Smedley went to visit sister Parsons, walked to the factory of L.Norton & Co. - Inquired whether friend John had procured money for me at Troy, he replied that they had had no returns from my last cheese, consequently no money could be drawn. We talked of a good many every day subjects & among the rest the school was mentioned, but was unknown who was to be our teacher. Capt N. being present said he should be some interested in that respect as they had lately taken a little girl to bring up, daughter of the late McCown - grand-daughter of Mr Joshua Carpenter who died some thirty years since - They, already, previous to the girls coming into the family, had taken the eldest son of John Agan. This interview ended - ret'd to P's, marched there with brother Smed - called at neighbor Gleason's & rec'd \$5. Bro't money - put the same to his cr. , parted with S. at A.Rob's where he went to see friend Parsons - I visited the office of Hall & Black'r - there were present J.Hubbell Esq D.Rob. Jun Esq., H.Kellogg Esq - these were joined soon by Hem. Rob'n & S.H.Blackm'r and they putting their heads all together made no small jest of some pious folks, not even letting escape our immaculate P.....n, nor the shining, graceful & late cupid wounded widow with whom he resides. A court was to take place here on an action between young Isaac Wood & James Hicks Esq, collector for Mr Peters' - the former defendant - the latter plaintiff - Hall & B. for def't - D.Robinson Jr for Plaintiff - Mr Hubbell, the Justice before whom it was to be tried, having the consent of both parties adjourned it without cost 2 weeks - T.Hills being officer. Spoke with S.H.Brown who came in while I was there - made him promise to visit us before quitting town on Monday. H.Rob. brought in his bill of services for H. & B. as Dep. Sheriff - attached to which I saw one footing \$74 and upward - in order for settlement. my business was to see friend S.H.B. respecting money on the old score, but found no means to disclose the unwelcome mission - walked out with Capt D. who meeting with his client turned aside with him - Parsons met & informed me that Smedley was waiting my motion at Hicks' - visited him there & agreed to have him stay till my return from off the hill & then would accompany him to Algiers. Went back to

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Nov'r to F.B.& Co store - Lawyer Sqr & Capt Hyde present - the conversation  
1825 turned upon the propriety of having women hold property separate & independent on their husbands - lawyer S. was for it, but they all finally concluded it would not do. With Capt D. marched up the hill, he talking by the way much of the Minister's salary which he considered too high - asking me how I understood it when I signed the subscription paper - my reply was that I at first supposed my tax would amount to but half my other taxes, was afterwards at a loss about the meaning, but the operation was well understood. At the house of this gent. I rec'd in full for 61 lbs butt. \$10.17 - his lady was ill, but gaining her health slowly - heard some passages of law read applicable to the minister







ter suit. The old subscrip. paper was produced, read & commented on &c. Next visited the P.O., staid a few mom'ts - then stepped into Mr Cushman's & rec'd payment in full for pork delivered on the eve'g of the 15th \$17.25. A young man in J.H.Hicks' service wanted to find H.H. G.Smedley Fassett to hire his wagg. to cross the mountain. F. was soon found & J.Rog. the wagg. obtained, he however could not for want of change pay me for 19-1/4 lbs cheese. I returned to our friend S. at H's, with whom visited Algiers - waited some time at J.Rog's for his appearance - during which read a few verses respecting old Gideon and his 300 warriors - Cath. blew the horn for him - sent Adelaide after him & not immediately making his appearance I went at last - found him & his friends busily employed in removing their effects to the new shop, which was now about ready for their reception - no doubt it was a day of rejoicing with the snobs. J.accompanied me to his house without my giving him information who it was that wanted to see him - they had a very cordial meeting - J. said that he suspected before hand that the man was no less than our good friend as named above - Left them very happily together & tried to hunt up A. Norton in order to settle with him - looked in his shop - a very improper place we may presume, & he was not there - so I ret'd to J.R's - the good woman gave me some cakes to eat which I took in my hand & pushed for town - went to see Mr Bisbee but he was gone to the Furnace. Employed myself sometime at Clark's viewing the maps of N.H. & N.Y. - C's boys cut a number of queer capers in the office - at length Solomon arrived

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Nov'r from the funeral of a young man, the son-in-law of Mr Pool, named Prentiss 1825 who died of the consumption on the evening of 17th aged about 25.  
 Death of D.Clark was absent at Albany. Bo't of Solomon a blank book lined with Prentiss red for 2/3 cr't. Came down the hill - called at H. & B's office - H. S.H.Black-Rob. was there settling - Inquired for S.H.B. - they said he was at his mer. house - there I found & assisted him in getting a bbl of cider into his cellar - asked him for something toward the old score - but destitute of the root of all evil, could raise noth'g - continuing my course I  
 Esq Bates met Esq Bates who renewed his promise respecting what he owed us. At Cash p'd Dr Swift's paid his son Ed. H. tow'd store acc't \$52.00 chiefly in Dr Swift bank notes - took a receipt for the same - had ten dollars of C.Brown's acc't added to ours - viewed the books, a moment, & walked home - Saw Blazedell Hill on her way to Pownal - It was an hour or two past sunset  
 Parsons when I reached home - Parsons came up & carried home a few app's for his wife to dry. Read some of Homer.

SUNDAY, NOV. 20 A driving light snow played against us from S.W. more than half this day - at night heard slight bel  
 Snow but for this I could not become responsible for the goodness of the sleighing. Read a few pages of P. Homer. Diadamia finished writing a  
 Mrs Ashley letter to Mrs Ashley, Russell, N.Y. replying to hers of a date sometime in Sept. or Oct. past. Late P.M. father got home from hearing a long-winded Minister, name nor residence not known to him. The Thanksgiving Proc. was read at Church for Thursd'y Dec'r 1st.

MONDAY, NOV. 21st Cloudy & moderate but the snow, though thin did not much waste away - foddering was attended to regular  
 Stabling. ly. The floor of the W. stable at the barn was taken up & laid down again in an improved form & other affairs of that kind put in order for  
 Cheese. the season - Our cheese which had suffered some from the intrusions of mice, there being perhaps about 800 cwt was nearly all stored in the cellar room - Mr Smedly supped with us & went to Parsons - In the eve'g returned with P. - grew impatient & went back without him to read a novel - P., after awhile, followed, but it was not long as we saw him again - took what he was in pursuit of & went home. Cous. Amanda Duncan.







Duncan being informed of the illness of her child called to stay over night with us - Mr Erwin Saff'd bro't her thus far from his house - C.Harw'd O.W.Daniels paid us a short visit this P.M.. Uncle C. asserted his faith in his perpet, m. to be of the strongest kind

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Nov, 1825 TUESDAY, NOV'R 22 Snowed quite moderately most of the forep't of the day. In the morning late gallanted cousin A.Duncan to her father's in Pownal montain - her child they said was pretty sick T Daniels Refused to call on account of business - went to Mr Daniels to see about getting 2 pairs of thick boots mended - waited for his arrival from the wood lot - talked with his lady about Sylvanus' coming to live with us She said if they should stay in this part of the country he might come He never lived at a place he liked so well &c. Mr D. at last came down with a load of wood - I did my errand respecting the boots - & tried him some on the boy topic - his answers were evasive & doubtful - if he went anywhere from home it should be here - fixed myself into the cutter & leaned for home - met D.Clark this side the old Madison house - talked with him a moment respecting our new school-master, Mr Clark, from N.Hampshire - an entire stranger - produced a good written recommend - Mr Cushman first introduced him &c - Friend C. wanted to know if I wanted his boy which he bro't here Apl 20th - answered in the negative - parted with him & drove till arrived at L.Nort's - halted, entered the shop and talked awhile with friends L. & John - there was present a well dressed, good looking young man - a journeyman potter who first informed us of the failure of the Eagle Bank, N.Haven, Middletown b'k & the Derby B'k &c. L.& I made an attempt at settling acc'ts, but his books not being in readiness, the business was suspended till night. At home nothing of much consequence was going on - Uncle C. was obliged by the wintry nature of the weather to desist from the prosecution of his favorite scheme of Perpet. M. Mr Beers with our team assisted Mr Ayres in getting home a load of wood - In the eve'g settled acc'ts in full with Maj L. Norton. We received credit for cider 1890 gallons - 2 less than my minutes showed - that is 59 bbls 29 g's - his book acct against us from Nov 11 1823 to this date arose to \$7.10" - my charge was only a flat file - 50" - which reduced his demands to \$6.60" which I balanced with cider at 87-1/2" per bbl - say 7-1/2 bbls - the price I did not much like - but could do no better & there was rec'd in Nov. & Brandy Dec'r 1823 Pl-3 q5 1 p more brandy thzn our due, which being subtracted from what was now coming, the remainder due 88 galls & 1 pint.

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Nov'r 1825 for which rec'd a due bill signed J.Norton & Sons, the reaminder of the eve'g was taken up in conversing about the N. River, the situation of N.Y.City, Staten Island, the Theatres in New York &c &c Our young friend had been a resident in N.Y. sometime. B.Loomis was present & a young lady also. Past 9 I came home and still later our good friend Carrington arrived from the N.in charming spirits although somewhat chilled.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 23 A full grown white frost covered all the land this morning - a fair & rather chilly day succeeded.

Letter to H.Debar. Early in the day I prepared letters to forward to O. & A.Arnold & H. Debar, Troy, N.Y. pr J.Norton J'r, but missing the chance suppressed the former & added more to the latter in order to have it conveyed by my brother-in-law G.Smedley - desired Debar to inquire if my order at J. Gary's had been paid - and if not to pay & take it up for which I promised to pay demands here against him enough to balance the same - to







get my gun-barrel at Cogswell's, if they should not ask more than 75" for repairs, & to call at Arnold's for my cheese money if it had arrived, for which my letter should be his order - sent respects to Mr Wilson & family - H.Sibley. Invited Henry to come & keep Thanksgiving with us. Carrington paid his fare, 50", and went on, saying he expected to return here sometime in Dec'r next. With Parsons & G.Smedley marched to Hicks' & there staid a good while - saw & conversed with friend W. Eldred who said he was prepared to leave town for his residence in N.Lisbon, N.Y. withnabout \$140. which he had scraped together during the past season. Talked with Mr E. Montague about the situation of Mr I.Judd against whom I held a note given on the 7th of Dec'r 1824 for \$5.75" - he represented him in such a light that I thought best to lodge the demand in his hands at present hoping that he might in some way collect it so that I might realize the value of it in one way or other. The subject of broken Merczntile Houses & Banks was treated with bedoming awe by M. & others that spoke upon it. Visited the P.O. where saw Capt Trenor, Capt D.Rob'n Jr, O.C.Merrill, S.Clark & others. Was informed that the Col. & Mr Peters had had a severe battle of words - as I understznd it, respecting the Academy, the incorporation of which having been defeated through the instrumentality of the former & D.R.Jr - called at Bisbees - he was not a home - Returned to Hicks' - Said a little more to Smedley regarding my letter to H.Debar - wished him to see & deliver it him personally - Saw the stage depart on runners, poor sleighing as it was - in which was conveyed our friends S. & Eldred - Went to the office of H. & Blak'r - I suppose they thought my business was to dun, nut they were once, if that was what they conjectured, mistaken - only wanted to borrow 'The Heathen Gods8' which Capt H. lent me readily & I obtained it at his house - saw Judge Wright of Pownal & A.Rob. there - I mean at the office.

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Nov. Mr Chandler said his son was regaining his health in a good way - Called  
1825 one moment on E.H.Swift, to whom I engaged to come & look over accounts at a future day - arrived here late P.M. - very hungry, so much so that I could not get to the barn to assist father about winnowing wheat. We attended to debates in the Legislature concerning banks in the evening. Uncle C. worked at his perpet. m.

THURS. NOV. 24 Fine & far, wind S. Lydia & D. with 4-3/4 bhl sp.  
Sp. Wheat. wh't were sent to mill - they paid Mrs Rog. a visit  
Wood. We entered the woods late & drew 2 light l'ds of wood - the snow altho' thin was quite convenient. D.& M.Waters visited here this eve'g. The Carringtoncash rec'd from Carrington was paid away the same day at F.B.& Co's for goods - pepp. cinnamon &c.

FRIDAY, NOV. 25 Fair,pleas't & tolerably warm - wind we'l say was S  
From the hill W. of the old Sug.Place drew 3 loads  
Wood wood besides making some necessary repairs on the old sled. N.J.Nort. was out with his rifle & had shot a lusty greay squiirel. Made use of  
Home. Homer some this eve'g. Uncle C. made great professions relating to his extraordinary machine which he said he should finish in 8 days more,if  
C.Harw'd the family were agree that he might pursue it - our approbation was given - our faith was altogether wanting.

SATURDAY, Nov. 26 Very fine,pretty warm,fine moonlight eve'g followed  
Drew 3 loads more of wood. Late P.M. walked to  
Bisbee town. Saw Mr Bisbee talking with S.Wadsworth & a man I took to be D.  
S.Wads- Rudd - they remarked the difference in cows for goodness - Mr W. said a  
worth. few years since he sold a most valuable one to Buckley Squire about the







time he went to Algiers to live, for \$30.00 - he presumed she that moment intrinsically worth \$50.00 Invited B. to a settle't & informed him that I was much in want of money - he assented thereto, gave good promises. It was dark when I arrived in the S. - tried in vain to find market for a qr of beef. Ira Armstrong was too soon for me - all were supplied. At the P.O. saw Steb. Walb'ge Jr who with Sol extolled the credit of the Rhode Island Banks. Saw Col Merrill & cous. U.M. Robiano in their office - promised the former a quantity of butter on Monday eve'g next for which he would pay money down -

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Dec'r 1825 Left the hill - called at Corning's - but traded none. Went to F.B. & Co's bo't 1/2 lb pepper, 1 paper neeles No.6 - sharp betweenes & 2 stks Goods bo'ttwist - paid for all 41". Came to Dr Swift's to settle acc't - went to Waters' to visit his home - he came without delay & we went through Acc'ts at the books for 1825 and after finding many mistakes on both sides finally brought them within 18 cents of each other - his, including borrowed cash, Damia's irons & accounts transferred except the last mentioned for C. Brown, amt'd to \$127.60", mine to 17" over that sum. With regard to the accts in 1824 notwithstanding what was done on the 2d of Jan'y 1825, remained to be re-examined. Previous to the last payment I had presumed that our store debt to the Dr would be about \$100 - but friend E.H. had computed it at \$113.00 not then having credited me \$2.16" for cheese - adjourned to another eve'g the other part of the business - we transacted the above in the keeping room - S.p't of the house in which hung the new Celestial Map of which the Dr spoke very highly lightly - valued it as a trifle. Ed. H. gave assistance - after eating a few apples came home past ten & talked over affairs, trying to borrow some consolation from laying the matter before my father.

SUNDAY, NOV. 27 Very fair, the surface of the earth was thawed up but the snow was by no means all carried off. Father Mr Peters & D. went to church - they understood Mr P's departure was soon to take place. My chief employment was with this book. Uncle C. visited at uncle S. Rob's - bro't word that he would be here by 9 o'clock tomorrow morning to butcher our beef & would bring a hand with him. Perused D. Rutten- Homer this evening. J. Mart. paid his respects here. - we engaged that bur butter D. Ruttenbur should have 18 lbs butter.

MONDAY, NOV. 28 No finer day is ever seen at this late season & where the sun shone fair it was really warm P.M. Rode to OLM. Merrill Court House hill - sold 13 lbs butter to Col Merrill & rec'd tow'd it U.M.R. \$2.00, leaving 17" due - spent a few moments in the P.O. - cousin U.M.R. being present remarked the pleas't life of farmers - I rejoined that when I heard people praising the farming business, should like to see them go at it. G. Caldwell s'd it was good to live by, but not for gain ing property. I said if anybody would make by it, he must deny himself a great many enjoyments & be called a hog besides

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Nov. 1825 Mr Fassett told a lively Pddy anecdote - afterwards went over to his house & paid me \$1.25" for 19 lbs cheese which he rec'd some weeks since. Mr Bisbee was said to be under great concern of mind which Mr F rather supposed originated from a hypochondrical affection. Rode to Bisbee Fassett cash pd uncle S. Rob's - got the 2 last pieces of cloth from Hinsdills' with a bill of that only - \$2.65" - had missed of uncle S. who had gone past for cheese me up the old way on foot - rode father to get friend Safford R. - on Hinsdill the way saw Mr Judd who talked with me respecting his note on which he I. Judd. thought before Spring he should advance the cash - I told him I should endeavor to recover the possession or rather take it back from Montague







as I had not fairly sold it . Found my friend butchering hogs at Joel Rice's at the old Haynes place. <sup>waited</sup> I said butchering, but that was over, they were dressing. Maj. H. ~~want~~<sup>waited</sup> to come, but I refused him - he informed me that he would bring on another ream of paper to exchange for brandy to which I assented. Col. Saff'd Rob. immediately rode off with me - overtook uncle S. - took him in & arrived here at 1 P.M. - they then without loss of time proceeded to butcher & dress the beef of the white faced cow - aged 13 last Spring - in fine order - the quarters were not weighed - tallow in the rough lbs 56 - hide 64, which in the eve'g I carried to Ballard's - had to hunt a good while to find the man - Called at the shops of Isaac Crossett, Delano & B. Squire - at the last spoke with J. Rog & H. Hull - went to uncle J. Norton's & agreed to have my horses sh'd there on Thanksgiving Day - Returned to B's - saw him not - then went back to Jacon Lyons' & found him - saw & informed Spence that 40 lbs butter were ready for him - Once more went to B's & settled accounts - For tanning 3 calf skins charged \$2. - odds between the skin I rec'd I rec'd of him in Oct, and my best 67" - two tanned sheep skins pr uncle C. 50" and a large one pr self 42" - total \$3.59 - my hide came to \$3.84 - leaving 25" my due, which he could not now pay. Mr ~~P~~ F.B'r sold me 1 gall molasses for which I paid in full 46". Gleason's boys tackled their colts in the big wagg - got a new harness in Algiers which cost \$28. - Our cous. L. Dewey had 2 saws filed here on his good credit by uncle C.H.

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TUESDAY, NOV. 29

Remarkably bright, fair &amp; warm - We rec'd assistance from Mr Gleason &amp; Sons in taking down the sweep of

Cider mill. the cider mill - treated with cid. brandy - Laying up the apparatus of the mill & press & banking the house in part, made up most of this days employment - Threw screws & the nuts were stored in the cellar of the J Rog's house. In the eve'g we took part in killing hens to be used for Thanksgiving. Too drowsy at night to enjoy my books much, went to rest pretty early. Late P.M. Mrs P. brought up a pair of pantaloons which she had been making for me - supped with us.

Mrs Parsons

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 30 Warm fair & a little smoky - wd S. hazy tow'd night The beef being first brought from the barn to the

Wood cheese press office we went into the woods & built a road of a few rods in length for transporting oak & other wood which was situated in a pretty bad spot - not far N. of the Nort. line on the first summit above the old Sugar Orch'd - a short distance E. of a certain spring that issues from the ground below a kind of precipice just in rear of it. Had the misfortune to lose my ox-whip for which we looked a good while without finding it - Closed the business of the day dragging home on

S. Robin'n bare gr'd a small l'd of wood - Uncle S. Robinson came down this evening & sawed up the beef in his usual elegant style - brought news that our

E. Waters leg broken. friend & neighbor Elisha Waters had broken one of his legs jumping from Hall's new barn to save himself from falling. Or beef weighed thus - fore qrts lbs 242, hind do 280 - tallow rough 56 - hide 64 - total lbs 642. Uncle C. was very loquacious respecting the widows. \$4. was sent

Beef. to Dr Swift's on account pr E. Waters Jr

Cash pd Dr Swift.

THURSDAY, DEC'R 1 Quite rainy early in the day from the S. P.M. it was pretty fair but cldy & very warm for the season - bad trzveling, muddy. A little past 5 this morning began milking 15 cows, which employed me till nearly sunrise - had to procure 5 from Parsons - as soon as breakfast was over took the horses to the shop of J. Norton & had the mare only shod, the other not needing it - the mares shoes were taken off, sharpened & set - a colored man appeared to be

Horses shod.







J.Rogers doing journey work there - called him James. Meantime I went to B. Squires' - found S. himself & fr'd J.Rog in the shop, the latter regularly on his seat. The story of a great quantity of wine being drunk at A. Squires' store was told - understood it to be about 60 pints. A parcel of S's hands were there including J.Be---rd & G. P---r. The 2nd time I went to his shop got my old harness which was repaired by H.Hull who was owing me about 75. Saw Mr Godfrey who appeared to be in pretty good spirits. Uncle C. came when I was at the upper end of the street talking with G. Potter & a Y'k State man

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DEC'r 1825 P.M. settled book acc'ts with A.Norton whose charges since, if I am correct as to date, Nov 1822, amounted to \$28.84" of which about \$11.30" was for shoeing horses - I took down a regular copy of his acc't, from which I extracted the above. My acc't after deducting 1/3d bbl cider Settled with Nort. which he said was so much over what his hhd contained, or what he sold it at, because he told me that A.Squires said it only held 2-1/3 bbls - I say my acc't amounted to only to \$33.94". Rec'd his note payable on demand in work at his shop for \$5.10", which made us even. I gave him my receipt in full of all accounts up to this date which he said could not injure the validity of my note at all, but if dated a day subsequent then it would nullify it compleatly. Arrived late P.M. from Algiers with horses & harness - soon after H.Debar arrived from Troy - in good health - had not obtained his pay from his employer & therefore could not perform what was required by my letter - got no money for my cheese J.Mart. - he supped at our table - J.Mart. in the other room - those were the only persons present except the family - Uncle C. supped at cousin E.Waters Charles. Henry's fiddle was played this eve'g - Adeline went to school Sold Nov 20th 6 lbs butter to Capt E.Waters & rec'd pay in full \$1 pr E.W. Jun'r.

## FRIDAY, DEC'R 2

Cloudy, muddy & unpleas't - rained slightly P.M. - some chilly. Was barbered in elegantly good style E D Waters by my fr'd D. & with him proceeded towards town - met at Dr S's, E.D. Waters who asked D. for money due on a note given to H.Waters for about \$7. which he bought of Hiram when he left for Alabama. D.answered that he had no money at present but would pay ere long. E.D. wanted I should borrow, or requested me to furnish the cash for Henry - I told him if I had it, or could obtain it, would readily do it - Tried friend S.H.B. who said he could take pay me if I would take Greenfield bills, \$100 of which he supposed they had on hand, the report was that the bank had failed - of course I refused - went over to Hicks to find H.D. - he was not there - visited Corning & Co's - looked at some light goods a moment, then went over to friend Frank's & there took a look - saw Messrs Hyde, P.Dewey, D.Ruttenbur, Reub & perhaps A.Robinson Jr - Mobile. there arose some dispute respecting the situation of Mobile Bay, where it was understood our Bennington friends had lately arrived after the quick passage of the 7 days from N.Y. - some said it could be visited without sailing,

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Dec'r 1825 through the Gulf of Mexico. I held otherwise - one of the company stepped over to H & B's office, viewed the Map of the U.S. & reported as I had contended it was - Marched to the P.O. - staid a good while reading papers - E.D.W. just enquired for letters & wanted to know whether I had obtained for him any money on my friend's account - replied in the negative. Harvey Bliss came in lame, having wounded himself badly with his adze in one of his legs while framing Hall's barn - the fatal frame from which our friend Waters so ungainly leaped. Gen. Rob., cous. U.M., M.L.Selden & others present & considerable anxiety







Accounts at Black-  
 mers,  
 settled.

ety was expressed about the late election in the State of N.Y. Late PM came down the hill to Corning & Co's - bo't a figured cott. hdkf.pd for the same 23" - Visited friends F.B.& Co., there looked over & settled acc'ts, which were opened Dec. 15th 1824 & closed Oct 31st 1825 - total amount including \$8.50 borrowed money, was \$50.27" - Our books compared almost exactly excepting in two or 3 instances, which wre a 20" & an 18" charges omitted in his book - In another place I had charged myself 4" for silk whhich they threw in at the time the goods accompanying it were bo't, & but for an oversight in casting figures in my book, occasioned by being set out of proper order, the business would have been accomplished very expeditiously - Norman performed through the examination - Frank arrived justas we had finished - Norman drew a note for \$13.96" on demand which I signed. Reub Robinson was present during a part of the transaction. Mr B.F's lady came in once & got a piece of goods - a very dirty looking man wanted to buy tobacco or some stiff and pay in turnips, but they did not trade with him - Mr Beers also had business there. Informed Blackmer of an agreement I made with J.M.B.Spencer for whom we had laid apart 40 lbs of butter, for which & 21" due for cheese would receive in payment Blackmer's receipt for \$6.88" in my favor - I forgot to write in due order that the turnip man did not trade. Mr S. agreed to call for his butter early next week - he was going with his lady to Pownal. This morning about 10 o'clock a gentleman of the type a citizen of Vt named John Ives, took a welcome & free breakfast here - was a native of Tinmouth if I mistake not - was lately from Middlebury - went to Hartford C't to get employment - failed - not expecting such a result when he left Vt., neglected furnishing himself with a suitable stock of money, of which he was now destitute - meant to get employment at Mr Clark's. At Greenwood's shop this P.M. as I was returning from town shewed Mr Bates his account which he said was all right - wanted to sell us a male calf - agreed to have father call & see him soon - At home found cousins Nathan, Polly & Emily Rob. on a Thanksgiving vis. - supped with them - they tarried all night .In the eve'g, J.Rog's, his wife & H.Debar came up from Algiers - with the last made a settlement which I found after his return to Troy to

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Dec'r 1825 be erroneous - my charges against him were due on settlement last April \$12.24 - In June cash \$6.00 for cheese paid him by Churchill of Troy - paid for Am. Biography \$1.75 total including 1 ct paid now \$20.00 exactly the sum for which he rec'd my note oct. 20 1824 which I this ev'g rec'd of him not thinking to reckon the endorsement thereon made Dec.23 This was a monstrous blunser, which no doubt my friend will readily see & hold himself accountable for the sum omitted. The endorsement was \$10.00

B.Sears Benj Sears & young H.Rob. our cousin joined our company this evening. Toward 9, according to appointment, went to watch with Capt. E.Waters

E.Waters E.Waters - just after my arrival at his house he complained of sharp pains occasioned by a sudden movement while asleep - somI went to Dr H Swift

Dr H Swift H.Swift's to get his assistance - he & his lady appeared to be fixing for rest but the Dr soon resumed his coat & without hesitation came down to relieve the Capt. While sitting up with our worthy friend enjoyed the perusal of the book accompanying the perusal of the Celestial Map drawn & published by Bartlett - The family was unusually visited by belly-aches, cholics &c. & some one or more were constzntly or alternatly up & down to the no small inconvenience & disturbance of our good friends M.S. who paid every attention to the Capt. & his family. Let me say that my note to F.B.& Co balanced all accounts against me there. Rec'd this eve'g from C.Brown tow'd Dr S's acc't one dollar. Friend Charles was one of our party this night







SATURDAY, DEC. 3 The gr'd was slightly frozen this m'g, but it was fair & very pleas't the subsequent part of the day. Late in the evening snowed. Between 3 & 5 this morning enjoyed a fine nap - arose about 6 & took breakfast at Capt W's O on my way from thence called at Dr S's to inform him that this eve'g I should visit him & finish settling store accounts- beyond the Hinman & Brown house met cousins P. & N.R. going home. The morning was chiefly taken up hearing & playing the fiddle with H. Debar. By him wrote the Arnolds in substance Letter to that we-were although we were much in want of money, yet would cheerfully do without for the sake of a good sale if that were possible - hoped if O. & A. it went it would go well - that my arrangements were such that I could Arnold. dispense with the avails till next Spring, if not sold before. Instructed them to pay over to H. Debar the sum due me whenever it should arrive Business at Troy. from N.Y. Henry engaged to pay my debt at J. Gary's as soon as he could get money - to make him G. safe & secure drew & signed a note for the amount of \$16.21 which I ordered Henry to give them in lieu of my order on the Arnold's which he was to take back

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Dec'r 1825 and he was to lose no time in paying up the note. On my part I engaged to pay his account at Dr Swift's, or, which was the same to him, to give my obligation to the Dr - and accordingly I did so this evening to the amount of \$20.00 - it being for goods chiefly - \$1.50 I think for medical attendance - and some interest that had accrued on the acct Rec'd a receipt for the same to Debar. Left my friend for the woods towards noon where father wrought upon the big oak which he cleft in pieces mostly ready for drawing to the house - we regulated our new road a little & returned from work late P.M. Mrs Gleason & Mrs Parsons were here on a visit. Went to the shop & viewed the machine formed for Perpet. Motion. This evening went through with the arduous task promised this morn'g - assisted first by E.H. who had to be absent after his father came home, and lastly by the former again who had been to accompany his sister home from same place in the neighb'd - the result was that the account total for 1824 was \$114.35 - which added to that of 1825, amt'd to \$242.12 - my credit for both years came to \$142.75 - leaving a balance against me of \$99.37 - the fraction I paid, & then after adding Charles Brown's acc't \$10.00 signed a note, after making an important deduction which I had like to have forgotten to mention in due order - the above am't of credit being as it stood previous to the 19 ult - since that period had paid \$56.00. I say a note on demand was given Dr Swift for \$53.00. Went through with the Debar concern as stated above & then returned dark & late home.

Visitors D W Beers Mr Beers on Friday near night having occasion to go aloft on Capt Hall's new barn, though he had been informed but a moment before of the fatal mistake made by Capt W., laid hold of the same rafter in turning the corner & down he came rafter & all, getting a very hard bruising from which M A Waters it was supposed he would ere long recover. Mary B. Waters came to be with us awhile - she was tolerably comfortable - very agreeably entertained us with her conversation & company. J. Mart, Jr staid over night here.

Dr S's accounts J. Mart.

SUNDAY, DEC'R 4 The little damp snow which lay upon the ground made it some unpleas't - thawy, cloudy & gloomy. J. Mart. staid till night - cous. E. contin'd her visit. O.W. & S.W. Daniels supped with us - Sam Duncan took supper with the other part of the family. Adeline had not arrived from Algiers where she went with J. Rog. & lady on Friday eve'g. Father heard a young Trojan Minister - Mr Miller - a good orator. Late P.M. visited our friend Beers a few moments. Dama read my old J'l for 1814 & 15 this eve'g.

A. Harw'd







MONDAY, DEC'R 5 Pleas't for the Seas'n - thawy, flying clds, wd N.  
 We entered the wood lot past 9, rolled some heavy  
 Wood oak logs down a steep hill facing the N. as we advance W. toward the up  
 per department of our wood land - this side the mouth of the Gulf road  
 - then in compliance with a request from Mr Ayres went to a place near  
 the S. line of what we called "Parson's Lot", some rods below our corner  
 & got a load of snall wood which he had gathered in a heap there -  
 Beers drew it to the door of our friend Beers who experienced so bad a fall  
 on Friday. Mr A. saved a few sticks of the largest size for his own  
 use which I transported to his door - as I came away saw H8s little girl  
 chopping wood with a very dull axe which I took from her & used a few  
 minutes for her. We employed the remainder of the P.M. repairing the  
 Swine. hog-pen & confining the swine therein, a sow & 8 fine April pigs  $\frac{3}{4}$ - had  
 time to view Uncle C's machinery, began to believe in it considerably -  
 he walked to town & returned early in the evening. The ladies tried up  
 Candles a large quantity of tallow - Sally went to Blackmer's - bo't 1 lb cott.  
 made. wick & paid for the same 40 cents - and they made 48 doz & 1 candles.  
 Homer. I read that part of Homer relating to the embassy to Achilles &c.  
 Married on the 2d inst Rev John Whiting to Mrs Eunice Wright, daug  
 Marriage ter of the late Moses R. Esq & widow of the late C.W. Esq. It was under  
 of widow stood in the early stages of the negotioation of this match no in consid  
 Wright. erable opposition was made by Dr H.S. & lady & perhaps others. The y'  
 young Rev'd was yrsrs younger than his lady whose age nearly corre-  
 sponded with my own - he poor - she rich - his residence at Granville,  
 Hatheway N.Y. The same evening a young Hatheway & his cousin Miss Wealthy,  
 daughter od Seth H. It was he who first bro't in the wine at Squires'  
 which ended in the scrap alluded to p. 838. On the 1st inst lent to  
 Salt to Mr Gleason's people the seed No.37 Sold to Mrs Parsons Dec 2 one  
 Mrs P. peck salt on cr. for 25"

TUESDAY, DEC'R 6 Searching chilly wind from S.W. - flying clds &  
 Cows. freezing. The cows were first stabled since the be  
 ginning of this season. Father split in pieces those logs mentioned  
 S.Robin- above. Waited upon cous. Emily to her father's where they app'd to en-  
 son joy health & a good degree of contentment notwithstanding some calls  
 from their creditors which they readily met - Made no long tarry - On  
 my return took the Gazette at Clark's in which was found the murder of  
 Col Sharp of Kentucky & other instances of that kind, besides accidents  
 of various kinds.

DEC' DECEMBER, At F.Blackmer & Co's bo't some dyestuff & paid 23" - bo't  
 1825 1/4 lb allum at Corning's & paid for the same. At the store of the for  
 mer saw Mr Duncan and one of the Crawfords, also a stranger shoemaker  
 Shoemaker who was making shoes at Gleason's - and who appeared to love rum.  
 Perpetual At home banked up the N. end of the house - Looked at uncle C's Perpet.  
 Motion. M. , which I about gave up as a dead set. N.Robinson came down & bo't  
 N.Robin'n a hog of us on cr. which weighed lbs 119 at 3-1/2" c pr lb. Friend  
 Bliss Loomis paid us a visit this eve'g - said he was married to his la  
 dy on the 1st of Nov. Got 1 gal tar for L.Norton & Co., charged 25".  
 Rheuma- For a rheumatic complaint had my left arm bathed in brandy & red pepp'r  
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WEDNESDAY, DEC'R 7 Chilling blasts, flying clds & flying light  
 snow at times, constituted the weather of this  
 day. The creatures at the barn were attended to - sled shod - some  
 Perpet.M. panrs of glass set - Mr Bates' calf viewed & given up. Uncle contin'd  
 C.Brown greatly engaged with his machine. C.Brown staid with us & paid me money  
 \$4.00 tow'd acc't at Dr Swift's. Haf to turn the churn so that I only  
 had time to read a little in the Gazetteer of Vermont.







THURS. DEC. 8 Cloudy, chilling blasts from S. - wind quite high at night. Three lds were added to the woodpile. Perpetual Motion. Uncle C. progressed with his machine - made his cotton bands for the small wheels assisted by Sally - I suggested to him an idea new to him, that when the wheel was in motion it could be stopped by raising the catches. D.Ruttenbur sent J.Martindale Jr here with \$1 tow&d butter - delivered to him 10 lbs towards the contract - would send the remainder of the money when he should call for the other part of the butter. E.Waters rec'd & paid cash 50" for 3 lbs butter. The night of the 15th N'n Lights if I mistake not, bright Northern Lights were observed.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9 In the morning it was raining from the S. P.M. the wind hauled round to N.W. - the mud was consolidated at night. wind high. During most of the former part of the day gave attention to Uncle C's machine, upon which some very fruitless experiments were tried - Mr Ayres & Mr Kent being present a part of the time. His cotton bands, after applying them partially, he was obliged to abandon entirely - I left him taking them off. Father went to chopping oak in the woods & I, after getting a fair start, shaped my course for town. Called at Mr G's - obtained a promise

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Dec'r 1825 of money whenever it could be had from the Furnace. At Dr S's barn saw Esq Bates & son cleaning up oats - I should have my pay without fail next Thursday night - or would give his obligation which I might sue for next day - Visited my friend S.H.B. who had a lame foot caused by letting a heavy stone fall thereon - talked some of music - informed me that a young Englishman, an accomplished musician, talked of teaching dancing school here this season - p.723 - Money was what I wanted, and he talked of that too but could pay nothing but Greenfield Ms bills, which, although the report of their being down had been contradicted, he could not warrant to me - so I departed empty - enquired the price of tea at F.B. & Co's - Norman said they had very good for 5/0 - at Cornings they had it for 80 cents & at H.Robinson's they had poor for 50" - there I bo't & paid that price for 1 lb - B.Fay, the clerk, did the business - the Col had not returned from N.Y. - Geo. Rob. was present - Tea. At the P.O. made a short call - Visited friend Bisbee who was in ill health said his children were very kind to him - Marrick had forwarded him \$60. since last April - Paid me towards acc't \$5 - which added to \$5. more that I afterwards obtained of S.H.Br. & \$4. rec'd from C.Br. F.B. & note taken up. took up a note at F.B. & Co's for \$13.96" - A.D.Rob., S.Montague & others were there. S.M. had the day before returned from his trip to the Montague. S. Philadelphia, N.Y. &c. Dr Swift visited M.A.W. this eve'g - performed a surgical operation on her side that was very painful. Dr S. M.A.W.

SATURDAY, DEC'R 10 Frozen, cloudy, chilly W. wind which often varied - Assisted at threshing more than 120 sheaves of poor oats that yielded about 8 bbls. Late P.M. conveyed to Col. Merrill's 40 pounds butter which had been intended for our friend Spencer & whose claim to which I considered void since he failed to come on with his pay as talked of on the morning of the 1st inst. when he engaged to receive & pay me for it (on) the forepart of this week. From the Col. rec'd \$6 Utica money & 72" cash, leaving but little due toward the other, say 11 cents. At the P.O. saw several of my acquaintance. M.L.Selden, G.Caldwell, C.Brown & others. They said old Mr Clark was very sick & helpless. C.B. from Blackmer's rode home with me. I talked some







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Of going to Troy on the morrow, 12th inst. Young H.A. & S. Parsons put up here for a visit at their father's & uncles. Uncle had nearly finished his Perpet. experiments - vain & idle he found every attempt in that line. Our neighbor Capt E. Waters was in extreme distress with his leg.

Dr Swift

Horses

SUNDAY, DEC'R 11 Very searching dry winds, ground frozen solid, fair with some few flying clouds. Father attended service at the meeting house. My business was with old Homer some part of the day. Tow'd eve'g began in earnest to fix for Troy. Dr Swift came down to visit M.W. Waters - requested me to carry some barley for him to the river - and to bring there a box of blinds deposited at Silliman & Grant's - J. Mart Jr assisted at harnessing my horses previous to my going to Dr Swift's to get his barley - left them a moment without tying - and while hunting up bags and other articles they fled - ran down by the N.E. corner of the J. Rog. house - knocked down a small gate post steered round south of the building directing their course W. till arrived against the S. meadow fence near the S. side of the garden where they made a full halt - no damage ensued. Drove to the D8rs - assisted Ed Dimmick in measuring & putting in bags 11 bbls 28 quarts barley which I undertook to sell in Troy - for which he wished I would get 6/6 Y'k - gave me a letter to S. & G. Troy Returned & took proper care of my team. C. Brown furnished me with business in the book line. Set up late fixing papers &c.

Troy.

MONDAY, DEC'R 12 Extremely cold & growing cold - wind N.E. fair or nearly so - Arose an hour later this morning than I meant to - however being assisted by father & J. Mart Jr had a pretty good start - found rough travelling - arrived at Wadsworth's by about 12 & in Troy by sunset - sold the barley, which weighed a little short of 12 bbls, for \$9.69 at Armstrong & Co's Brewery where I saw a number of Hibernians belonging to the establishment - Rec'd payment in E. Warren bills - paying back 31" in change - drove to my old stand & put in for the cold night. The evening was devoted to business - went to Smith & Rogmond's to see H. Debar, but he was absent - bo't 2 shaker brooms at Wells & Scuyler's - pd 31" a piece for them - at O.W. Sherwood's bo't a handsome little edition of Pope at 63" - six Marshall's spelling books 66" - 3 Woodbridge's Geog'y & Atlas \$2.70" - One Murray's Grammar, 38" the whole \$4.37" - paid in full - I must

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Daniels

mention ere I forget, that at Mr Wadsworth's saw Mr T. Daniels & Sons under marching orders for the est. D. informed me that he possessed a one dollar bill on Jeff. Co. Bank that had a bad character which Sylvanus had rec'd from me - wished me to pay him other money for it - so I did without much hesitation. This thing was brought me on Sunday by Sylvanus to get 2 quarts brandy - I refused it because my impression was that the Bank had failed - poured back the boys brandy & sent him away empty - but as they talked here this day the bank was in in pretty good standing, but the bill appeared bad. There were several persons from Pownal - particularly old Mr Burlison & a middle aged man named Gardner going to T. - there was likewise a boy that called his name Frnk enquiring who wanted to hire - offered himself for \$7 pr month - or \$100 pr year - or for forty dollars pr year & be clothed - perhaps he might been 16 - rather ragged - a bad size for a youngster wanting a place - said his native place was Worthington, Ms - had a brother living at H. 4 Corn's - had worked some in Hoosick - Mr G. conversed a little with him about hiring - but made no bargain. Let me resume business in T. - ran to & fro more than I feel willing to







write - looked at goods that I did not purchase - bo't at Brinckfords a pair of iron candlesticks for 50 cents - examined cottons at Keelings & at Powelson's - deposited the letter from Dr S. to S & G at their store & would have slept with H. Debar but the house at which he lived being closed - retired to Mr S's - slept very comfortably except having cold feet & being some offended with the effluvia arising from a cause that shall be nameless - poor man, I was sorry for him, because he was driven from his bed in the middle of one of the most severe nights ever experienced in our country.

TUESDAY, DEC 'R 13 Ever memorable on account of cold - the thermometer was said to be in T. 11 degrees below zero - at Bennington Furnace, 13 degrees - and at Williams College . Did not begin to abate till past 12 - in the evening it grew mild rapidly. The N. River closed - the surface of the earth became as adamant - horses had icicles suspended at their noses & their bodies covered with frost - there was a keen & strong breeze from N.W., which ceased at night. Visited H. Debar at S. & Raymond's - had crackers & cider - fixed my business with

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him in a tolerable manner - made a minute of what ought to be endorsed on my note in his hands which was not with him but at Mr Wilsons - promised to endorse thereon thirteen dollars & seventy nine cents, dated 3rd this month - forgot to show him J. Mart's note which I carried out to be paid - so much did my own bus. engross my attention. Bo't of Mr Powelson a piece of cott. cloth containing 30 yds for \$5.69 - 1/4 lb sewing silk, \$1.50 - & six sticks twist 25" - paid all down \$6.44 Bo't of Platt & Co a half ream of writing paper No. 1 manufactured at Poultney, Vt., large, for \$2. - this for C.B. & for Capt Barney 1-1/2 doz oysters for 25" - left orders to have my gun-barrel repaired - Returned to Stearn's - agreed to carry to Bennington Freeman Green & a young woman - there happened in a gentleman who could talk remarkably easy - his subject was plaster - he had known how to analyze that substance about 12 years - said the Manlius plaster was the best he was acquainted with - strongly recommended some that Mr Gilbert had to dispose of in bbls, and I had some notion of buying, the the severity of the weather & roughness of the roads made me give it up, besides thought myself a little more excusable because on account of bringing my passengers - Went to S. & G's - took in s'd box - gave my receipt for the same. - they handed me a letter in reply to the Doct. - relating to another box of blinds which had been forwarded by mistake, which they requested to be returned to them - this is how I understood it. At O. & A. Arnolds that I had bo't on cr - lbs tea at 75" - lbs 28 St C. sug., lbs coffee - 5 gs molasses in a keg that I purchased of them at 63" & would have brought 2 qts lamp oil first quality, but through hurry & forgetfulness left it - for the whole signed a due bill \$11.43, payable at the end of ninety days - It was thought probable that at about the beginning of the new year I should receive my cheese money. All things ready, we started out of the City past 10 A.M. - it was so amazingly cold we had to call at Smiths' - my friends solicited very earnestly that I should take some brandy - but I chose nothing more than crackers & cider - my sailor friend said he had seen colder weather in May, but it was in doubling Cape H. at the extremity of S. America - our Pownal friends warmed there also - We next reached Wadsworth's late P.M. - warmed well & took some provision as well as drink. Arrived at Newell's 4 Corners about 7 in the eve'g - they said the







Dec'r 1825 the cold had moderated 8 degrees - their thermometer stood in the morning at the same degree it did in Troy - the B.room was pretty full of company. My friends paid their passage in a \$1 Chenango bill, money that they said was pretty current, only 1 pr ct disc't in N.Y. We came on pretty smartly, arrived at the meeting house a little before 9 o'clock when they (my friends) who treated me very handsomely on the road, left me. G's friends & relatives were numerous here - the other, whose name was Elhanan H. was bound for Brattleboro where his parents resided. He appeared robust & active, seemed to possess the frankness, the stern politeness & heedless generosity of a sailor - he almost concluded on coming home with me, but wishing to settle business with G. went to Hicks'. Soon reached home & had my horses snugly stabled. They informed me that on the inst. old Mr Knapp of Woodford, U.S. Pensioner died while in the act of eating at table in his 74th year. Old Mr S. Clark was not expected to live long.

Mr J. Knapp dies.

WED. DEC. 14 Much more mild than on the 13th Chill, wind from the S., tolerably fair and some smoky. Business was not important. Carried to Dr Swift's his box of blinds weighed by our steelyards lbs 135 including the strap which suspended it - assisted (J) J.Loomis Jr in fixing on one of his wagg. wheels that had ran off. Our friend Mr Carrington arrived from Connecticut on Tuesday eve'g - Thought the weather very severe. Father attended at the meeting house to hear the Council and Church on the subject of dismissing the Rev. Mr Peters. This eve'g C.Brown rec'd his books - app'd to approve of my dealing - left with me 2 quires of the paper I bo't for him - would in spite of what I could say rebder compensation for my services in T. On Tuesday eve'g at the 4 Corners Maj Foster related that that cold m'g as himself & friend were returning from attending a lawsuit in Petersburg his companion proposed to cross Hoosick River on the ice, contrary to what he deemed prudent - when about the middle of the stream our adventurer broke in sure enough where they presumed the water was as much as 8 feet deep - he told him to work his feet & endeavor to swim & to rest himself on his elbows - which he did & by the means got out again without any serious injury. The Maj crept on his hands & knees over the weak part of the ice & assisted his friend about reaching the nearest place where at which place they could warm & refresh themselves - so much attention did he pay on this occasion & forgetting himself, one of his ears got frozen considerably.

DEC'R 1825 THURSDAY, DEC'R 15 Very mild & pleas't, wd S. With cart & oxen visited Capt N's still - informed S.J.N. that they offered to stock my gun at Cogswell's, trimmings found by me, for \$2.00 - he & L.Jewett, who was present there, told me that at that establishment they they took them to be jockeys. Capt N. at his house rigged me out with 88 gs & 1 qt brandy for which I delivered up my note for that amount. In running said brandy into our hhd a mistake was made by which 3 or 4 gs were scattered on the cellar bottom, but luckily it settled into puddles in as pure state as could have been expected - gathered up a quantity - strained it through a clean cloth & thereby saved so much that we called out loss only about 1 gall. Mr Duncan happened here at that time - assisted us some. Mrs Duncan & Mrs Gleason visited our ladies this P.M. E.W.Carrington visited the E.part of the town. The celebrated C.Doolittle arrived in town on Tuesday eve'g Dolittle. - in a very humble manner delivered himself up to the civil authority.







FRIDAY, DEC'R 16 Extremely warm, cldy & thawy - seemed much more like Spring than Winter. Returned Capt N's cider b bbl to him & rec'd an empty hhd in which the last of our cider had been conveyed there - proceeded through his farm to our woodlot - then assisted father a little at regulating wood - left the hhd & bro't down a small quantity of poor stuff which without charge threw off at the door of Mr B's. Late P.M. we fixed the shelter slightly W. side of the barn yard. Uncle C. was employed at making a loom, sashes &c. On the eve'g of the 15th rec'd in full from Joseph Bates Esq \$1.46" - rec'd 4 cents & drew him a pint of brandy - his companion Green was with him - and they affected much fun as they would call it - The Esq would have offered some of his rudeness to our venerable uncle had he not seen that we disliked it - so thet made off again - Same eve'g Dr S. visited M.A.W.

Wood.  
Beers.  
C.Harw'd  
J.Bates  
Wood.  
Esq.  
Bates.

SATURDAY, DEC'R 17 Warm, foggy & rainy, very muddy, bad walking. Assisted about threshing oats - Business of prime necessity caused a visit at Mr Loomis' - talked with Sam as he was threshing rye along with a young man belonging to the E. part of the town - S.was glad Mr P. was going away - Left my charge there & got home before dark - found H. & A. Parsons here but they would not stay all night. Read Homer's 11th B. chiefly to uncle C. J.Martindale for sashes. J.Rutt primed two setts of window sashes for us this eve. Carrington spent the evening at L.Norton's. Friday eve'g we were highly engaged with the speeches of C. Phillips Esq of Ireland - they are worth attending to - Little Ruth J. Parsons slept with Adeline - the latter went not to school this day. I think they said the Council decided that Mr Peters had dismissed himself from the flock in Bennington.

Business  
at  
Loomis'  
J.Mart  
primes  
sashes.  
Carrington  
Mr Peters

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SUNDAY, DEC'R 18 Warm, slightly rainy, foggy some parts of the time muddy, rather gloomy, wd S.W. Homer claimed some attention. Journalized too considerably. Father heard Mr Peters farewell well Sermon. Friend Carrington heard him P.M. & said it was very fine. This eve'g Harry & A.Parsons visited us, staid all night. Perused Homer again in the eve'g. Carrington & J.Mart. staid late in M.A.W's room

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Mr Peters  
farewell  
Sermonn.  
H. & A.  
Parsons

MONDAY, DEC'R 19 Cloudy, thawy, muddy, wd N.W. froze at night. The slab shelter mentioned on Friday was put in repair Sleighs drawn away from the b.yard - Father finished threshing oats, of which now on hand we then supposed 20 bbls - computed all raised from 3 acres the pres't season or year to be 30 bbls - poor yield indeed. Mr Rogers came before night to get his shoe-makers seat which I had lent to Mr J. Harwood - directed him to go to L.Norton's for it - wanted the butter which I sold the other day to Col Merrill. About sunset visited Mr Loomis' - returned with the object of my journey about by the time it would have been fairly dark if there had been no moon. Friend Carrington took formal leave of us this morning after paying his bill \$2.50" - but early in the eve'g returned to lodge with us, having his horse only with him - left his wagg. at Esq Hen

Oats.  
J.Rogers  
Loomis.  
Carrington.

TUESDAY, DEC'R 20 Cold enough to freeze, the principal part of the day - there were short flashes of warm sunshine - angry clds flew from the N. A lane was laid out & fenced through the garden to admit our creatures to the grook without passing into the S.meadow - another short piece of rail fence was constructed from the S.E.corner of the garden to the S.Mead. fence to prevent their coming near the house - this constituted most of the business of the day - Measured the shade of a fence 4-1/2 feet in height that reached on the gr'd 3-1/2 paces. Mr Carrington left us this morning for the North - paid

Fence  
Carrington.







Birth at his bill, 50". Dr Swift visited M.A.W. in the eve'g. A second son E.W's. was born at the house of E.Waters this day. The widow of the late Eph Wood died as I understood on the eve'g of the 19th - aged seventy five.

WEDNESDAY, DEC'R 21 Rough, harsh, winter weather - cloudy - wd N. We Rye threshed 150 sheaves rye. Uncle C. worked at the Presidentsloom. Read the President's Mess. of Dec. 6 - lengthy, but interesting Message. The same paper had in it a list of the Membdrs of both Houses - J.W. Taylor, Speaker.

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Dec'r 1825 THURSDAY, DEC'R 22 Very severe, clear & cold. wind N.W. 230 sheaves rye were threshed. Made a kind of arrangement with C.Harw'd Uncle C. who said after finishing the loom, which should make us about even, he would commence keeping accounts relative to everything that passed between us - he agreed to keep both sides according to my request Perused Bigland's General History of Germany, the disputes between Emperors & Popes concerning investitures &c. Read some of Fred. Smith's St Paul Deistical pamphlets &c - I think I also read St Pauls' Speech before King Agrippa - a very noble pice of oratory.

Rye. FRIDAY, DEC'R 23 Fair & very cold - wind N.W. Completed threshing 556 sheaves rye - winnowed through the mill & threshed measured 25 bhls rye. Tho's Morg. wanted our signatures relative to attendance (to) at Court during the several trials of the Brown & Hinman cause - told him the business was already done - sometime last Summer. Mr K. exchanged a Y'k six pence for a p't br'y. Dr S. visited Damia M.A.W. H. & A. Parsons were very sociable this eve'g - staid all night Harwood. Damia visited the sick at A.Waters' - tarried over night.

Rye. SATURDAY, DEC'R 24 Chilly, rough & unpleas't, cldy, wind hard S. Late A.M. visited Algiers - left 18 bhls rye at the S'd Mrs Olin Mill which was to be gr'd by Tuesday next - at Mrs Olins' got 220 feet spruce scabbling, 27 do board - the former at 80" pr hund - the latter at 70" - amount of the whole as made out by her son was \$2.10 - paid the fraction, gave a due bill for the remainder - agreed to pay that amount to J.Norton the blacksmith bn her account if it would accommodate him in brandy - get his rec't & take up my obligation. Carried a J.Harw'd pair of small shoes to J.Harw'd to mend - he performed the work while I mends went to view the new furnace - rode thither with Elisha Lyon - the work shoes. appeared wonderfully strong & magnificent - would soon put her in operation - they had finished their big tube & other apparatus belonging to Furnace. the water department. Mr Gleason with his son Lawson, Henry & Reub. Rob accompanied me in this view - came away with the R. boys - At Mr Harw'd Cornings took my oxen & wagg. started for home - bo't at Corning's 2 oz s.oil for 8", got home after dark. Father & Uncle C. filled new sashes with Windows. old glass - the windows of the S. room were now whole & new - snugly fitted to the frames.

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Dec'r 1825 Chas Brown in a l h.wagg.waited upon the lady of H.Dimmick to our house this day - she wanted a plaid coat cut - C.B. went to Waters' - gallant C.Brown ed Dama from that house of distress for that purpose.

Parsons SUNDAY, DEC'R 25 High S.wind - cldy, some rainy particularly in the eve'g - the ground was thawed up considerably. Early grist. in the day, having on Saturday forgotten to bring home a grist for fr'd Parsons' family, rode to Algiers in the litt. wagg.& returned with it J.Rogers across lots - J.Rog. saw me at S's shop - shewed some very fine covered whip stocks that he wanted to sell at \$1 a piece - did not purchase -







History the remainder of the day passed away as usual. In the eve'g read Big-  
land, German Hist. relating mostly to the reign of Cha's V, Luther,  
Dr W. Maurice of Saxony, the Anabaptists &c. Doct. Waters visited in the for-  
mer part of the day M. Ann. - his opinion was that the Capt., his bro-  
Waters ought to have his leg amputated. J.Mart. spent the day chiefly here.  
Parsons Our cousins, the Parsons boys, returned I supposed to H. Falls after pa-  
boys. paying us a short visit this morning.

MONDAY, DEC'R 26 Sbow perhaps 2 inches deep lay on the earth this  
morning - the wind was unsteady - took it about in  
Corn. whirlwinds - raw, chilly, flying cl'ds. About 22 bhls corn, being all we  
had, on hand, was brought from the barn to the house - the whole was  
threshed out except two baskets of ears saved for seed - our crop was a  
pretty good one, but the ground it occupied was but inconsiderable - Tw  
C.H. Two acres on the Brown line N. of the N.Meadow & a patch against the N.  
end of the house was the extent. Uncle C. finished setting glass & fix-  
ing in sashes

TUESDAY, DEC'R 27 The wind blew most violently - extremely cold from  
S. - grew more mild as night drew on - cldy A.M. -  
fair P.M. Assisted about fixing to thresh wheat. Past noon started  
E.Fay Jr with oxen & wagg. for Safford's mill - called at E.Fay's to get a grist  
for Mr K't - but E. Jr who had just arrived from the N.E. p't of Pownal  
hunting up a tayloress - said he had none prepared for him - shewed  
me his shed, racks & stock all which I pronounced good - staid awhile  
To Mill. talking, then pushed for the mill - was overtaken by P.Smith having a  
l'd of wood which he deposited at the

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Dec'r late residence of Wid. V Wort - Left 3 bhls corn at the mill & rec'd  
1825 the provender of about 15-1/2 & the flour of 2-1/2 bhls of rye - toll  
being deducted. Went to Mrs Olins & informed her & her son of a mis-  
Mrs Olin. take in our reckoning when I got my scantling on Saturday - 220 feet  
was then put to me, \$1.92 by mistake on the part of Norman which added  
to 18" cents for the boards made \$2.10". I paid as signed & set down  
for that day without stopping to reckon for myself, but the real am't  
was only \$1.94" - the rate being for the scantlinfs \$8. per thous'd -  
took up the old & gave a new obligation for \$1.84 with an understnd-  
ing that I might redeem it by paying brandy to A.Norton - called on  
him to consult upon it - he said he would let me endorse 50" on his note  
Cornings tow'd it & perhaps would take the remainder in brandy - At Corning & Co  
paid 50-1/2" for lbs 5 c.fish at 4" - 1/2 lb pearl ash 8-00 8" -  
E.Waters cinnamon at 10" - 12-1/2 cwt & cake shaving soap 10". Halted at E.  
Waters' - left some bread stuff - promised to assist at watching - the  
Capt. was tolerably comfortable, though by no means in an enviable sit-  
S.Robin- uation - Uncle S.Robinson paid him the strictest attention. After  
son. seeing my load safe home & other affairs regulated, returned to E.W's  
E.Lovett late in the evening, soon followed by E.Lovett & one of D.Armstrong's  
sons for the purpose of watch'g - the latter went away again because I  
had come for the same purpose - the former proved an excellent hand at  
the business - could remove an old & apply a new poultice with adroit-  
ness - an operation that was required once in 2 hours - the main ingre-  
dient was charcoal - Uncle C. sat up till past 12 - The Capt rested  
tolerably - I took the bed at 4 - my friend had his turn first.

WEDNESDAY, DEC'R 28 Very mild, pleas't, no wind of any consequence.  
Mr Bliss Awoke about 8 this morning - Mr Bliss was one of  
the first to salute me - desired me to purchase his cow - as he was out  
of hay - recommended her highly - if he only had keeping would not take







for her \$18.00 - I gave but little encouragement as to trading - thought she did not in every respect fall my eye - Tried unsuccessfully to dispose of 22 sks sewing silk at R.Carpenter's - it was too coarse for him - such as he wanted must be Italian - the kind he usually bo't for his business. At D.Clark's got 2 copies of the Gazette & the Vt Reg. 1826 on credit - Got home before noon - having previously seen Mrs Hollister & informed her that we still remembered a small demand that she had on us - Mr H. said they had formerly kept dairy within 4 miles of Montpelier Village

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Dec'r 1825 P.M. assisted at threshing 200 sheaves wheat. Uncle C. worked at loom. Sally & Lydia visited Mrs Waters this eve'g - Mr K. vis'd us also. Waters. U.M.Robinson agent for widow Bulah Billing started on Tuesday the 27 for Charlestown, S.C. to assist at the settlement of the estate of the late J.F.Billing deceased. The Gazette of the 27 announced the arrival of our Bennington friends in the service of Gov. S.Hunt at Mobile. Mobile boys.

THURSDAY, DEC'R 29 Clouds thick & smooth - P.M. little fine snow commenced falling - very litt. wind - that apparently Snow. E. or N.E. - We threshed 240 sheaves wheat. M.A.Waters ventured out of Wheat. her room. Uncle C. kept busy at his loom. M.A.W.

FRIDAY, DEC'R 30 Splashy & very rainy all day - wind roared from the Spring wh't E. hoarsely latter part of the day. Eighty six sheaves were threshed which compleated the business for this kind of grain. Mr Kent had the oxen & sled to bring 900 hay from Jewett's -he Mr Peters had to guess off for himself about it. In the eve'g read the acc't giv removes en in the Vt Gaz. of the town of Guilford - curious & entertaining. his fami- Rev'd A.Peters & family departed for N.Y.York City on the 20th inst. ly.

SATURDAY, DEC'R 31 Dull & very cldy - rained powerfully some parts of the day - foggy on the mountains - mild & icy - snow mostly gone - ground remained pretty firmly frozen although a little soft at the surface. There was winnowed & measured this day 18 Wheat. bbls wheat the produce of 620 sheaves threshed at this period - add what was before consumed & it would fall little short of 23 bbls from about 3 acres gr'd in both fields. J.Martindale brought from J.Rutten- D.Rutten- bur \$2. - Brattleb'o money to pay in total for 18 lbs butter, 10 of but. which he had already rec'd. S.W.Daniels shewed himself here this P.M. S.W.Dan- to the no small joy & satisfaction of the family - particularly young iels Hopkins. His father accompanied him & O.W. as far as Manlius Square, N.Y. - returned together yesterday. S.W. staid over night - assisted at killing fowls for the New Years Feast. J.M. slept here. Gave Homer attention a part of this eve'g - XV th Book &c.







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SUNDAY, JAN'Y 1st Rained much during most of the day - appeared mainly to come from the E. - at night snowed violently attended with highwind from S.W. - Writing employed me chiefly from 11 A.M. till some time kn the eve'g - wound off reckoning worth of produce raised here the past season - Father heard preaching at Church - E.W. some better - J.Mart. staid all day - made a bunch of good pens for me. S.W.D. went home.

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Jan'y 1826 MONDAY, JAN'Y 2d Not very cold, but quite wintry. The wind drove about the snow hither & thither - cloudy - snowed slightly most of the P.M. At a late hour we commenced work at the barn having previously built a castle or two in air by the warm fireside - Rye thrashed 125 sheaves rye - took care of the stock - returned to the J.Nort.Jr house sometime before dark - I visited J.Norton Jr's - assisted him & his young Sidney in adjusting one of his barn doors to its proper position - agreed with him to transact business for me in Troy - as he was Troy business. to pass through that place on the morrow with 2 l'ds ware bound to Lexington, N.Y. - With his lady went to town - I was left with Mr Clark ou our school-master & a lady I after'ds learned was called Mrs England - Letter to most failing, called for & was supplied with another, made out to write H.Debar. a letter to H.Debar, requesting him to get my gun-barrel fixed & leave it at C. & A.Arnold's for John to bring to me - Saw at J.N's "The Life of Sam Johnson, LLD" and "Wittmans Travels", in Germany, Syria, Egypt & the Holy Land. Let me mention one or two articles inserted in the letter to H.D. - that he should pay for fixing my gun 75", only, did not forward the money because I deemed it unsafe - would remunerate him the first time I should see him, requested that if he should find a load of Shaker brooms for sale, to buy & keep for me four if to be had for \$1. Wanted my note at Gary's - hoped he had paid up the same. Returned from neighbor N's about 8 in the eve'g - Dr W. Waters soon after made his appearance - assisted me to unharness his horse - discussed much with uncle C. respecting many persons in Salem, N.Y. with whom the (former) latter was acquainted 45 yrs ago. Uncle C. contin'd employed J.Mart Jr on the loom yet. J.Mart. Jr went home this P.M. after performing some very important work on the nether part of a fair doll, bo't in Troy, Butter to N.Y. Nov 9 1824 Sold to E.Waters pr B.Sears on credit, 4-1/2 lbs butte E.Waters at 1/0. The E. hay mow was supposed to contain 8 tons & it was desired that it might last 40 days from this. Going to J.N's rode to L.N's sho Hay. shop with R. Carp. who spoke well of our Teacher.

TUESDAY, JAN'Y 3 Tolerably moderate - cldy & dull all day, wind SW  
T Daniels We threshed 238 sheaves rye. Towards noon Mr Daniels came down with his second son Sylvanus W. to see about his living with me till arrived at 21 yrs of age, which would be five years from March next ensuing - It being taken for granted that he would perform faithfully on his part - it was agreed that I should well

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Jan'y 1826 & decently clothe him, send him to a common school 12 months & at the end of the above period, 5 years, give him two suits clothes & the sum of one hundred & thirty dollars. We would have reduced it to writing had Uncle C. been present to put it in proper form - agreed to sign at some future day - nothing was to be binding in law - the form should be a memorial of reference in case of forgetfulness or misunderstanding. Mr D. wanted to buy a farrow cow - we pointed out one to him without previously having thought of selling her - color nearly black, good size, 9 years old the ensuing Spring - gave 3 or 4 qts milk pr day







we concluded, after some hesitation, that we could not take less than \$14.00 - he thought 13 all he could give - we gave him the refusal of her till the next day - he returned home, and finding he could not better himself - came down late P.M. & received the cow at \$14.00 - paid down \$12.00 & said that the remainder should be forwarded by S.W. on Sunday next - supped, and with assistance from O.W. who arrived just at eve as we arose from table, drove her off - Her name was usually called "Double Teat", one of our best when in proper season. Dr Waters took his departure towards evening. Sylvanus went to mill, bo't a spelling book on my acc't at D. Clark's, price 20", and assisted some at thrashing - Read the deeds & end of Patroclus this evening in Homer. The flour of the wheat was rec'd on the 6th

Dr W.  
Waters  
D.Clark.

WEDNESDAY, JAN'Y 4 Very wintry - high very cold w'd N.W., the air frequently filled with flying snow - having finished threshing about 438 sheaves rye, the grain was winnowed & measured 27 bbls, the same was brought in, 5 bbls sent to mill pr Sylvanus the next Friday (I must add). He this day commenced going to school to Hiram Clark, our instructor. This morning Mr S.Pratt Jr came to get the trap in which his poor hound was caught the other day - the creature had lost his foot - Mr P. would not have taken \$20.00 for him when sound - supposed he was confined in that cruel manner between 9 & 10 days - wanted to carry home & keep the trap until called for by the owner. P. said there was a great mistake in laying the bait, which ought to have been such as dogs would not eat. Read a part of Homer's 17th Book - Battle over Petroculus body

Rye.  
S.Pratt

THURSDAY, JAN'Y 5 Clear & very severe, wind N. Four hundred sheaves rye were threshed - felt much worn down at night. Uncle C. still employed at the loom. Most of this evening read newspapers in father's apart't. I was requested to read aloud, but refused to, because I was so run down by my days work. U.M.R. I was told returned from Philadelphia this day.

U.M.Rob.

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FRIDAY, JAN'Y 6 Early part of the day, some cldy. Hazy P.M. & ev'g rather thawy or if not thawy - it was not severely cold. The threshing of 467 sheaves rye was now effected which ended that business for this season, making since we first commenced the present season 79 bbls rye & allowing 32 bbls to have been got out in the fall, the whole for this year would amount to 111. Sent pr Sylvanus 5 bbls to mill - he returned with 5 bbls good wheat flour & 2 do poor - toll exclusive - the good was equally divided between us - the latter was put to my father ever & above his share of all the wh't of which there was when we brought it from the barn 18 bushels. Uncle C. visited town - had cash of me, 23", to buy a saw-file & 1/2 lb tobacco. Damia likewise rec'd \$1.79" - which she laid out at F.Blackmer & Co's. st F.B.Co

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Rye, how  
much.  
C.H.  
D.H.pay  
for goods  
st F.B.Co

SATURDAY, JAN'Y 7 Thawy, some rainy, very cldy - wind S. The fore part of the day was wasted away in an unimportant manner - Two P.M. started for the Furnace, overtook a young man of dark complexion who rode a little way with us, informed us that his name was Patterson, grand-son of Daniel Clark of Colraine, Mass., that 2 of his sons, Erastus & John, who were largely employed in the manufacturing business, had, by failures in banks broken down - would probably save the farm at the homestead - we left this cousin at a litt. grocery this side C.Thatcher's. Found the Furnace in progress for the blast - the wheels were partly in motion - great business going on. After arriving in the street father drove home utter & grist - I visited F.B. & Co's

Furnace.  
E. & J.  
Clark.  
F.B. & Co.







Corning  
& Co.,  
A. Hyde  
cash.  
D. Black.

H. Hall's  
cash

store - D. Clark's - gave orders not to have any more papers than our own left with or sent us - rec'd the promise of money for pork in Feb'y next - At Corning & Co's bo't & paid for goods to the amount of fifty three cents - Lorenz Downs was there at first & some others - among them was Cushman's negro - When at Frank's saw Capt S A, Hyde receive a large quantity of bank paper - amounting I suppose to between \$100 & \$200. from F.B. - I thought from what was said that it was designed for a third person - David Black was also there & disputed an account brought against him which he said he had paid, but as he asserted, Norman, to whom the money was given, by him personally, had omitted to cross it out. How they settled it I did not stay to see. Went to H. & B's office - found a number talking about a suit that had been tried before some Justice this P.M., but did not learn the nature of it at all - S.H.B. said he always advised his clients if his cause were good to refer it to the Bench, if bad, to arbitrate if possible, the last resort to be the jury. Walked to Mr Hall's & rec'd from him towards pork, \$10 They said their meat was not quite equal to what it was last year.

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B. Hand.  
Dr Swift  
pd tow'd  
barley.

Troy  
business.

Again called at the office - Capt Hyde, Mr Hand, friend S.H.B. & some body else present - asked him for money in a friendly way, but he had none for me. Mr Hand came away with me - called at Dr Swift's office. Paid Edward H. \$4.69 in full towards barley - he talked with H. about settling accounts - his father wished to settle his affairs in every respect with all his customers. A few moments being spent here, we left & pursued our way towards home - Mr H. said he had heard nothing from his son Joseph since he left this town. J. Norton Jun'r we met, with his friend B. Loomis this side Mr G's as we were going to the Furnace - delivered my jug of oil, but obtained no money. Mr O. Arnold having not yet returned from N.Y. Rained some when I got home. J. Mart. Jr tarried with us.

SUNDAY, JAN'Y 8 Warm, cloudy, some foggy, thawy & splashy, wind S.  
Looked at some old records of mine in 1806-7-8-9-

Records  
relating  
to Capt.  
S's estate

10-11-12-13 &c. with some idea of finding out something relative to hides carried to Capt. S. Squires' to tan from 1806 to 1808 - nothing was found very directly to the point. In the first of these years, a bullock & cow were butchered - the first weighing lbs 559 - the last 530 pounds, but nothing said of the hides respecting weight or to whom carried to tan - under date of Nov. 24. Dec'r 2 1807 a hide was taken from a 4 yr old cow, which weighed 76 lbs, but not mentioned how it was disposed of. My father settled with Capt S. as appears from a due bill dated Jan'y 31st., 1807 amounting to six shillings & 8 pence - it being expressed in that way. Parsons commenced business in the Spring of 1808 to whom our hides & skins were ever after carried till 1817 - when they were once more entrusted to the care of S. Squire & Son - in March 1818 a settlement in full was made with the firm - so that no great sum could be pending between my father & that estate. In Sept. 1808 as he was sowing wheat in the field usually called "The old sheep pasture" N.W. part of the farm, Buckley Squire being then a youth, rode into the field to whom he spoke respecting a hide we had there tanned upon shares - telling him his father he might take the whole to pay for tanning - since which period no settlement ever was made with Capt. S. individually. J. Mart Jun'r staid all day with us - S.W.D. went home - H. Dunc. returned with him - reported unfavorably of Carpenter's cow - bro't no money

Squires







Jan'y 1826 MONDAY, JAN'Y 9 Thawy, splashy, snow melting rapidly - frost coming out of the ground like a spring day. Sylvanus was sent early to Dr Swift's to call the doctor to mother's assistance - she being very cruelly distressed for breath - he, however, having been up nearly all night, did not choose immediately to attend but delayed till sometime in the morning when he came down & gave something that produced the desired effects - she got better afterwards - as he mounted his steed to go away engaged to look out for a good cow for me. Our first business was to clear the stove & stove pipe - next the smoke house was put in order for the reception of the hams - I started for Algiers, leaving affairs to the management of my dear father who among other acts felled a decayed apple tree which stood a few feet E. of the cid. press. Visited A. Hareood who informed me that he had seen Mr J. Woodford of Woodford who had a cow that he wanted to sell - gave her a high recommend - price \$16. - as it was distance to his house, thought it not worth while to go there - walked away a few rods - then went back - saw Jabez Knapp & a young man who appeared to be of J. Murphy's family - viewing (J) A.H.'s new rifle - enquired some more respecting my Woodford man & then came down to Squires' shop - talked with J. Rogers' awhile - he told me he sold his cow last fall to S. Merchant of Pownal who swapped her off to H. Dimmick. Left this for A. Norton's shop who Olin note agreed to receive brandy of me to the value of my note to Mrs Olin - taken. Drew an order on her for \$1.84" which Norton signed just as he was going to leave his shop for dinner - carried the same to her & received my obligation - N. having previously charged it me. Saw Blacksmith Grover at Mrs O's - T. Harvey with a load of coals for the F. Co - 100 C. Thatcher bhl - Saw C. Thatcher talking busily with Mr S. Safford about buying a strip of land fronting his house. Looked at T's cow which he had lately bought of W. Burt for \$13. - supposed her worth it - came to Squires' store where I saw young J. Morse & S. Batt. - the former said he had a cow 5 yrs old the ensuing sp'g - very fine indeed - to have a calf on the first of April which he would sell for \$20.00 & no less - told him I thought his price very high - would either call personally or get Dr S. to view her. S.B. told me after walking a few rods this side the store that I could place no confidence in what he said respecting of his cows - for a lie was as good as the truth with him - parted with my young friend who told me he was in his 22d year, living with his father, mother & the remainder of the family in Shaftsbury - parted with him at Capt Hill's - went in & found the Capt. absent - walked Accounts over to Turner's - saw him, he turned to his Rate Bill & found taxes against B. Harwood in the whole to be \$12.40" - I asked him to go over to his father's to see if we could find a record of a settlement between his father in mine 1817.

Jan'y 1826 the record was not found, but the acc't for carding wool that year was crossed out - while thus engaged Capr H. arrived from the furnace & had a voice in the business - they found for carding, 1818 & 1820 \$13.76 & Settlem't for stove pipe bo't in the spring of 1818 & a cover for a boiler inclusive, \$4.87, total \$18.53 Their acc'ts were rather badly kept, very in part defective as to particulars - dates were lacking - could not tell why with C. Hills'. the account for 1817 was crossed out - I had searched my Journal for the settlement & could find nothing of it - father recollected it was sometime in the warm season of that yr - Capt H. felt poorly, at falling so much in rear - said he had no money - worked for the F. Company & such pay as they made him I must take, would give me an order on their store - Made no objection - left the business without finishing because as I told them I did not believe they had found all their acc't.



The first part of the paper is devoted to a general discussion of the problem of the origin of life. It is shown that the problem is one of the most important and most difficult in the history of science. The author discusses the various theories of the origin of life, and shows that the most probable one is that of spontaneous generation. He then discusses the conditions under which life could have originated, and shows that the most probable one is that of a warm, watery environment. The author then discusses the evidence for the origin of life, and shows that the most probable one is that of a warm, watery environment. The author then discusses the evidence for the origin of life, and shows that the most probable one is that of a warm, watery environment.

The second part of the paper is devoted to a detailed discussion of the evidence for the origin of life. The author discusses the evidence from the fossil record, and shows that the most probable one is that of a warm, watery environment. He then discusses the evidence from the study of the chemical evolution of life, and shows that the most probable one is that of a warm, watery environment. The author then discusses the evidence from the study of the evolution of life, and shows that the most probable one is that of a warm, watery environment.



Returned home across the Green & Brown farms, and spent most of the ev' looking over my Journ'ls for 1816-17-18 &c. and at last found a settle- ment mentioned under April 12 1817, which see. My account ought to hav been inserted above - Cider for four seasons beginning in 1817 ending in 1821 total \$25.25". I was much plagued looking over my books - found a great deal that was of no use - a thousand particulars entire- ly foreign to the enquiry in hand - poor accountants such as Capr H. & C. Harwood I ought to settle often. Uncle C. Harwood made it his chief business to get his shoes mended at Squires' shop on my account - I found leather - the former 30 - the latter 25 cents - the mending I receive by way of J. Rogers who was a little indebted to me. Uncle C. & I now began to keep accounts with one another. He visited Capt Safford's lady - Eben Chase &c.

TUESDAY, JAN'Y 10 Warm, frost principally out - wind S. - some cldy. wind N. at night. Sawed some wood - so taken up with other pursuits that but little work was attended to on my part. C.H. Sylvanus being from school, Mr Clark not being able to teach, chopped & loom. sawed wood. Uncle C. pronounced his loom about finished - he fixed to the front door a large flat bolt which was bought last June - fixed Mr Kent. windows also. Mr Kent hewed out & framed a sled beam this P.M. for N. Nort. which gave him credit 25 cents. This morning N. Norton made complaint S. Pratt against his friend Mr Pratt for carrying off his trap. Mr P. threat- ened him highly &c. See the 4th. Read this eve. of Achilles' shield. Up late writing.

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Jan'y WED. JAN. 11 Thawy & dreadfully muddy in the roads - cldy - un- 1826 pleas't, rained in the eve'g - rough S.W. wind. Mr T. Den'ls Daniels this morning paid me \$2. which fulfilled his engagement respect ing the cow - but being on his way to Shaftsbury to get an axe which he had sent there to be fixed - lent him 50" in cash & a horse to ride - for the latter, as he complained that our price was high for the cow, required no pay. Father with S.W.D. was chiefly employed at chopping Chandlers in the woods. I rode in the 1 h. wagg. to town - Carried to Mr Chand- ler's a common draft chain, ox ring & a small pr of tongs, to get re- paired & a sled beam to be spiked - all was done except the tongs. Clark. Bo't & paid F.B. & CO for six cents worth goods. AT D. Clark's rec'd Taxes. my father's taxes, \$12.40 to answer on our demand against him for pork delivered Nov 15 1825 - it appeared to come very conveniently in his W. Haswell way as the town was going to fall in debt to him. Visited W. Haswell to try to find out whar was due for postage in 1818-19- & perhaps 20 - but being closely engaged in making out a proof sheet for the press, of the Journal of the G. Assembly of Vt., assisted by his lady, could not at- tend to it - at some futute day it should be promptly & readily attend- Montague. ed to. E. Montague was there - asked him for I. Judd's note, which he could not find about him - presumed he had not lost it - he left H's with me - we held a conversation of nearly half an hour in the street between Dr Ir's & Col. H. Rob's - he told me of a knotty case between himself, D. Rob. Jr & D. Clark respecting \$25. his money that lay between them when they jumped accounts without either at the time being aware of it - Supposed however that he should without difficulty obtain it - Mr Kelly informed me that his friend Mr Kelly had a cow which he wanted to sell - supposed to be worth perhaps \$14. Mentioned his contract with Mr Accts Harmon Sr for building a brick house - compleated except taking Oliver settled Cheese brough's note for \$240 - all that parted them in a bargzin of with F. \$1000. Cheese he said was selling at N.Y. from \$8 to \$12 per hund. Clark. Settled accounts in full with F. Clark the hatter - with great ease &







plausibility - My side was \$6.33 - difference in my favor \$1.16" payable on demand in hats - left my account with him receipted - had credited 25 cents more than he had charged which he did not reckon - Spent a moment in Mr C's office - Capt Trenor spoke of the Rebellion in Ireland 1798 - had since thought his country unripe for Independence - Mr J. Hunt & Col Merrill were present - the subject was started by Capt T. saying that had seen lately a handsome likeness of Mr Rufus King, then & now U.S. Minister at London. Returned here late P.M. Dr Swift visited here this evening. Saw I. Judd & boys chopping & sawing wood for Col. Norton. The loom finally finished, worth \$15.00

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Wood. THURSDAY, JAN'Y 12 Gr'd very slightly covered with snow, soft, muddy, wind N.E'ly. This morning the new loom was raised - the sled put in order for entering the woods - P.M. hauled down some maple - loaded the sled on the hill - left the load by the Dry Brook.

J.Mart. Sylvanus & Adeline went to school - J.Rogers came here in the eve'g  
M.Martin. with his young friend Miranda Martin - son of J.M. - they were going  
Birth day to watch with Capt Waters - the evening passed off agreeably & lively -  
of my Father this day entered his 65th year - not so much concerned for his  
father hay as when the weather was more severe - Young Gleason here a part of the eve'g

FRIDAY, JAN'Y 13 Flying light clds - fresh wind from N.W. - mud frozen up. Mother very ill - greatly distressed for breath. Sylvanus being to accompany me to Woodford was sent by way of the Dr's to leave orders for his immediate attendance here - at the 2d call he came & wrought good - he was absent in the morning. Past 9 started for Woodford across lots - left saddle to be repaired at Squires on J.Rog's acc't - to have a new pad &c. left father's big boots to be mended at J.Harwood's - Sylvanus joined company in Algiers - he viewed works in & about the furnace - wheels at the Sage forge gone mostly, the vast shaft of the hammer wheel yet remaining the irons attached, but out of its place. Bo't of the F. C'y 1 box ladies pins, pd 12-1/2 cents. On the Knapp road was accompanied by a young man named Briggs - acquainted some with H.Debar, came to our house once to pay him some money - as passed the old Danforth farm now owned by wid. Polly Dewey where the Knapp's live, spoke highly in its praise - had a number of app. trees on it - good land back - containing perhaps 150 acres - valued at \$1300. Before arriving at the end of that long hill met first S.Lawrence & Son with light l'ds & S.L.Godfrey heavily laden with wood. L. & Son were with the same material. At Mr Eddy's B. halted with his oxen to bait - shewed us his new sled - very stout made of yellow birch principally - here we found ice & snow enough for sledding, but the main business was carried on in waggons. After leaving our friend, whose team moved slow, soon reached the habitation of Mr Harbour, saw his mother, a large old lady surrounded with a nasty horde of ragged grandchildren among whom there may be perhaps a future member of C. or a Gen'l. On making known my business, the old matron was highly opposed to having the cow sold - one of the litt. boys said the cow was six yrs old when his father bo't her - the man was not present - they directed where to find him & we accordingly met him with his partner getting along over rough ground with an old crazy wagg loaded with about 85 bhl coals bound to the furnace - the hill down which they had to go was pretty steep - very icy & snowy - chained a wheel the first few rods







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but finally got fown in safety, Harbour being on foot to hold on to prevent it from overturning - We talked most of the way respecting his cow - caught him plainly in a lie concerning her age - saying at first she was bo't last spring at six years old, but presently stzted that last season she was not so good as she was the season before - finally he frankly owned she was 8 years old - we ywent to a neighboring barn to examine for ourselves - she proved to be well made, smooth & active but under size - he held her at first up to \$16 - but would take at last 14 - I offered him 13 - he hesitated - consulted with his friend - made hi final stand at 14 & so I left him & being told by him that it was proba ble that Mr Cutler had a cow for sale, we ascended the stepp road lead- ing to his house - had our labor forour pains - had none to sell - it w was mistake. On our return down the last declivity which was cov'd with ice met a coal team, scratching up it for life - at the bottom we took the Branch road, being a part of the way accompanied by the Con- stable of Woodford who related some account of his official dealing with a young man that we met by the way whose object it had been to get rid of paying an honest debt but this gentleman's perseferance defeated him - there was an elderly gent. with him - also overtook a coak wagg. Halted at the Robinson forge which is much decayed, had two chimnies, one of them good - an excellent pair of tub bellows, hammer, wheel, 2 bellows do & other apparatus - the pond down - no business carried on This side the furnace met Barnabas Wood's two teams with loads of coal nearly 200 bhl. Took boots from J. Harwood's mended - made a short call in Algiers - was accompanied from that village up to Sol Safford's Esq by W. E. Morgan. At Mr Green's looked at a very fine cow which they seemed inclined to hold at \$20.. E. Montague staid here till about 9 this evening, did not appear to wish for a settlement, although he had his books with him - I was entirely easy with it - had compleated his Harmon contract & rec'd the Cheeseb'y note. Doctors Swift, Morgan & Moggan & Sherwood paid us a visit respectively - the two last merely out of com- pliment. Uncle C. worked at sashes. J. Mart here ev'g.

E.  
Montague.

Doctors  
Swift,  
Moggan &  
Sherwood

SATURDAY, JAN'Y 14 Dark clds from S.E. or S. had stormed over night some - snowed a little this m'g - very chilly wind much rain ensued at n't - Got the l'd w'd left on the way & picked one composed chiefly of small r'd but'nut top for uncle Clark - P.M. fath- er went with me to Mr G's - viewed his cows - for the fine one they asked \$20. - for a smallish yellowed one whitefaced asked \$13 - march- ed to the main road - fath. visited Capt W. - I went to F.B. & C's & bo't 6 cents wth cott thread - paid - took away span of horses from Chandler's which S.W.D. took there in the morn'g - called at Capt W's - found him much as usual - N. Rob. & B. Sears bro't in a l'd of hay from Morse's - price \$D's - looked at Mr B's cow - he asked \$15. Eve'g read Achilles neat exploits - Book 21 - entertaining to uncle C. & me.

Green's  
cow.

Mr Bliss

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SUNDAY, JAN'Y 15 During the past night & early this morning a great quantity of rain desceneed - finally ceased past 10 cloudy all day, very soft & muddy. Tolerably busy with my pen - with S. my lady visited our nearest neighbors - the two senior Gleason girls were at Parsons' - at friend B....'s left 2 joints of stove pipe borrow ed there. I suppose in Oct. 1825 - enquired respecting Mr G's cows - they did not know much relative to the largest - the other they said bo- re the character of a poor one. On our return which was soon, found our friend C. Brown who offered me money towards what I had assured for him at Dr Swift's. I refused it - desiring him to purchase for us two good cows - to which he agreed - likewise talked of going with me to Troy - agreed on Thursday next as the day if the travelling should

Beers

C. Brown







Dr S. prove good - Dr S. gave mother & father a long visit. J.Mart spent his  
 S.W.D. eve'g with our young trash here - S.W.D. very assiduously employed him  
 C.B. self reading the Ship Wreck & Captivity of Mrs Elijah Bradley, on the  
 coast of Barbary - June 1818 - C.Brown, as settled between him & me  
 owed towards purchasing his paper in Troy on the 13th ult. \$1.37" to me

MONDAY, JAN'Y 16 The ground was very slightly sprinkled with snow -  
 mud frozen thinly - flying clds - chilling wind  
 Wood. from N.W. Chopping & sawing wood was our main employment - Uncle C.  
 H.Dimmick made 75" worth sashes for us . H.Dimmick came to inform us that he had  
 got boards sawed that we might have - would let us have a pair of sled  
 runners that were very fine at his house - everything moving about righ  
 right with some exceptions - his father having on the 15th Nov sold a  
 pair of steers to B.Wood & J.Rice - who had failed - their business be-  
 ing that of the collier. G.House deposited hams here to be smoked.  
 G.House Joined me & D. in viewing Perpet. M. - D.pronounced our hay to be plen  
 ty - C.Brown left us this morning for his School Dist. S.W.D. with his  
 O.W. & brother O.W. & Sam. Duncan went for an eve'g visit to Mr G's. It was  
 S.W.D. wash day with our ladies.

TUESDAY, JAN'Y 17 Vblue, cldy, dry & hard frozen - sharp hobs - wd N.  
 Visit to Performed a hard expedition to Ovaitt's saw-mill,  
 the S. Pownal - crossed our farm by way of the old Riley place & then after  
 mill keeping the road a little beyond Jewett's - crossed to the Scott place,  
 Dimmick thence through Green's lots to

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Jan'y to Capt Dimmick's line at SW corner of his wood lot - here friend Hor-  
 1826 ace & his brother-in-law L.Downs met me with a stick of walnut timber  
 for axe-helves - cut by permission on Green's land as my fr'd told me,  
 it was placed on my waggon & we proceeded to the house - my oxen were  
 baited & having taken some cider & talked awhile with Capt. D. & his  
 folks in H's kitchen - friend H. started with me across his father's  
 possessions to go to the mill - had not advanced forty rods when a gent  
 tleman well mounted hailed us - of course we halted, when, lo, it was  
 our good friend H.Robinson the D.Sheriff with a writ for Horace in fa-  
 vor of Mrs Pickett, now the wife of M.S.V.D.Cook, Pittstown, commanding  
 his attendance at a Justice Court in Bennington on the 4th Monday of  
 this inst. H.said he should certainly beat them because he actually  
 paid the demand, \$5. to her attorney U.M.Robinson, at Patchin's store,  
 the day after Thanksgiving - Mr Patchin witnessed the payment - U.M.  
 through hurry or on some other account did not give him a receipt. H.B  
 said it was so he was glad of it - so much the better - turned & rode  
 about his business & we proceeded forward through Capt D's E. woods on  
 a very devious route in the course of which my wagg. rec'd a small in-  
 jury passing over stump which I might have shunned had it not been for  
 too much conversation - the circular piece which passes under the reach  
 es Jersey or Pennsylvania fashion, was pulled off - we saved it & after  
 going through some very plow fields safely arrived at the mill.  
 D. attempted to measure the stuff to me, but the rule which was three  
 feet in length, being figured in a manner unintelligible to him, he  
 told me I might get them measured by uncle Clark - the first stock was  
 very large, full of sap & extremely heavy - the others less & more  
 seasoned - laid on till the stakes were filled - we soon found it a  
 great load for the travelling - they had very hard pulling up hill -  
 D. gave his assistance as far as Turner's - I came on without much dif-  
 ficulty to the within a few rods of the foot of Meeting House hill -  
 here my oxen, without shoes, refused to go farther - left all & went to  
 my generous friend Aaron D.Robinson who lent me his oxen - his brother  
 William assisted - went down - made them fast to the load - put my oxen







forward & came up the hill very easy - borrowed the oxen to come home with & arrived here all safe about 7 in the eve'g - agreed to return the team in the m'g. S.W.D. rode to Dr S's with Hopkins this eve'g.

C. Harwood Uncle C. worked at his P. Motion

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Jan'y 1826 WEDNESDAY, JAN'Y 18 Dry sound weather - flying clds, w'd N. mild at n't  
Sent home the borrowed oxen early by S.W.D. our boy  
Our boards were unloaded & afterwards measured by uncle Clark according  
Boards to agreement - there were four stocks of hemlock - the first containing  
measured. ft 348 - 2d ft 113 - 3d ft 88 - 4th ft 72 - total 621 put to the credit  
C.H. of H. Dimmick at \$6. Uncle C. repaired the wagg. a board shelter was  
erected for the flock. The waggon was fitted for Troy & in the ev'g ro  
F. Black. rode with S.W.D. to F.B. & Co's - rec'd orders from him to buy 2 bbls  
J.B. Norton flour & a box of pearl ash - J. Buel Mort. being there gave me \$5 with  
which to purchase a bbl of flour - Received from F. Blackmer \$14 to pay  
for fl'r & pearl ash. P. Dewey & A.D. Robinson were present, gave thanks  
to the latter for the use of his oxen, he replied that I was perfectly  
welcome to their service. A gentlem'n came there to sell flour, but  
his price being 6 dollars or thereabouts they did not buy. C. Brown  
C. Brown visited town on business & returned to our house & slept here.

Troy. THURSDAY, JAN'Y 19 Pretty cold in the m'g - milder at mid-day - thawed  
some P.M. - broken clds all day, w'd W. With my  
fri'd B. after many little hindrances started about sunrise for Troy -  
found dreadful rough travelling to H. 4 C's & beyond there it was very  
bad to Wadsworth's - from there to T. found it tolerably decent. Made  
our only halt at Snyder's - saw Capt M. Armstrong & one of his sons,  
with each a team going to T. with heavy l'ds - arrived in Troy as the  
sun went down - put up with Mr Stearnes who entertained a very respect-  
able number of travellers & boarders. In the evening attended to bus-  
iness. Bo't of O.W. Sherwood a blank for keeping Journal - 3-1/2 quires  
for 75", C. Brown being present purchasing books for himself & others -  
Mr S. talked of going away to some place at the S. to set up his busi-  
ness - at Breckenhoffs bo't & paid for 1 doz w'd screws & 1 lb 10'd  
w't nails - 7 & 15 cents - tot. 22" - 2 lbs H.S. tea at 6/6 of Wm  
Williams - paid down. Found H. Debar in Water St., - said he had not  
paid Mr Garvey - but would by the first of March next - had put off the  
money described or spoken of - Dec 13 - without any difficulty - en-  
gaged to buy for me with the same amount of cash some shaker brooms -  
accompanied me to the different stores that I visited - of Hart & Pitch-  
er bo't 1 lb wire No. 29 for Damia's Artificials - paid 56" - small fir  
fire shovel, 38" - At Quackenbush's New Establishment where they were  
traded cheap & lively in dry goods bo't 7 yds fine cott cambric shirt-  
ing for \$1. & a silk flag hdkf for 75" - bo't at Nazro & Curtis's a pat-  
ent harp 4" - Returned to S's & went to bed with C. Brown.

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Jan'y 1826 ~~Jan'y~~ FRIDAY, JAN'Y 20 Nearly resembled the 19th as it regarded the  
weather. I this morning rec'd from O. & A.  
Arnold the sum of \$51.56 accompanied by a statement of the sales,  
charges &c regarding cheese sold - cash & goods paid over - all very  
fair as may be seen by turning to s'd document among my papers - Rec'd  
at Coggsell's my gun-barrel with a new breech pin - p'd 75 cents for  
the same. Called at our good friend Gary's, paid up my note there on  
which he exacted no interest - the sum I paid was \$16.25" - Bo't on  
credit 2 sides seal leather weighing 31-1/2 lbs at 25" - 1 do Upper  
\$3.12" & 1 calf skin \$2.25 - total \$13.25" - talked of having it paid  
by the first of March if H.D. should perform his promise - At Hart &







Pitcher's bo't pap'r shoe nails cuts - 9" - and a pair of spectacles - paid 50 cents - bo't at Hoyt's 1 pr suspenders - pd 12-1/2" - lent friend Brown \$2.00, out of which he took 37-1/2" to buy me a bottle of Maynard & Noyce's black ink - 25 - & 1 do red 12-1/2 - the whole am't according to my calculation being elcusive of what was Bo't at Gary's 8.19-1/2" - afterwards just as we were going to leace town bo't on cr't at O. & A. Arnold's 12-1/2 lbs cut nails - 10d's & 1 lb pepper \$ 1.25 add this to Gary's bill & what was paid above & it would am't to 22.59 then add road expenses, 35" - quills 1/2 hund, 6 cents 00.11  
 At E.M.Walker & Co's rec'd & paid for a box pearl ash \$ 23.00  
 in the name of F.B.& Co #2.85 - rec'd also a letter to the firm in reply to one I carried to them - likewise bo't for myself 1 lb hemp rope, paid 12-1/2" - Included in the above statement which I forgot to insert in its proper place. Took in at the old store of D. Merritt & Son, now under the management of Mr Harris, 3 bbls Super Flour, at \$5.00 - paid for them & took F's receipts. Twelve o'clock at noon left T. - saw a great many lumber & wood teams coming in from the East toward Grafton (Sand Lake), Brunswick &c. After rising the long h hill this side Snyder's found 1 bbl flour damaged - had to take it out fasten the other h'd at which my fri'd assisted very materially - placed it thus inverted again in the waggon - proceeded forward - arrived at W's just before 7 in the eve'g - baited - offered to sell my broken bbl of fl'r, but Mr W. would not give me enough - so I retained it - Got to H. 4 C's past 9 after encountering very uncomfortable travelling - baited at Newell's - there was an irishman who had wrecked his waggon just over the first bridge beyond the corners - it was a 1 h. wagg. - a dispute was held respecting the manner in which in which one of his wheels was injured- he argued that it was done by someone running against it - others supposed the tire which was extremely thin might have been torn off on the road &c Heard a very good violin played for a Dancing School by our lii. Englishman at Wilcox's - did not go to see - past 1 at night left flour at the store door of F.B.& Co & safely arrived home. Very rough wheeling from H. to Bennington.

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Jan'y 1826 SATURDAY, JAN'Y 21 Dry cldy - pretty severely cold - wind N.W. Felt rather out of health on account of my last nights expedition. Late A.M. with fr'd Brown started for town - left him at Mrs Hol- Dr Swift's where he went to settle store acc'ts - found himself indebt-  
 lister ed if I rightly understood him to the amount of \$20. Paid Mrs Hollis-  
 paid. ter 6-1/2 lbs cheese for 2 rennets rec'd last fall - Settled with F.B.  
 & Co., - lost the transportation of the damaged flour-cask & rec'd payment in full P.M. - 2 p't pitchers at 1/3 & 1 for suspenders at 1/3  
 D.Clark. in all 63" - Called at D.Clark's agreed with him to pay an old P. Office  
 E.Montague debt to W.Haswell not yet ascertained - visited the house of E.Montague  
 - the man himself absent at Hinsdill's plastering a room in the Factory  
 - dined - conversed with Mrs M.W.Haswell & S. Mont. - the latter being  
 Kelly. out of health - Mrs M. & M. Kelley went to Mr Martin's on a visit -  
 Haswell & I left the house together - viewed H's cow which was underate  
 W.Haswell stood to be for sale - I had looked at her before entering the house -  
 & half thought she might be worth \$14 - my friend pronounced her worth  
 \$15. - I agreed with him - as we advanced this way he shewed me in what  
 manner he & E. Montague had divided the old Leonard Robinson farm -  
 he talked of the projects started by him & L. Patchin of cutting a new  
 course for the river above the Leonard Rob. bridge through an island  
 in the river. As we walked deliberately up the hill met Mr Kelly re-  
 turning from a visit to the Furnace on foot - At first Mr Haswell in-  
 troduced the business respecting his cow in a joking way as if he want-  
 ed her himself - but soon explained himself, saying I was the person







who wished to purchase - We immediately found that our price did not suit him - nor could he exactly specify how much he would take - did not care at pres't about putting her off because he wanted her milk - so we parted - Mr H. said that he had one that he would sell me which he owned at A. Rice's. Let me mention seeing John & Sam. Crawford - H. Clark & others, at F. Blackmer's - there also came in a man, perhaps fifty years of age, from Peru, Ms., was conveying a family to Middlebury, Vt., wanted to dispose of a few axes made by one of the Hannams - no one felt disposed to buy although the name of the maker was esteemed to be a good recommend - this gentleman's opinion was that the dairy business was improving - said their meeting house at Peru much resembled ours - had been built 18 years. He baited at H's past 12 -

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Jan'y 1826 Did an errand at Chandler's respecting shovel & tongs - paid a visit to Capt E. Waters' who notwithstanding his painful situation could give a lively joke - his lady, Mrs Bliss & uncle S. Robinson were present - Company. in the evening we were honor'd with the company of C. Brown, J. Mart. J. Bates, & Newt. B., & O. W. Daniels - Nelson Duncan rode from this C. Harwood early in the eve'g. Uncle C. visited cousin Stephen's to get some work done about Lydia's litt. spinning wheel. Attempted a little to read newspaper but failed on account of being drowsy.

SUNDAY, JAN'Y 22 Continued dry, thick & hazy - thawed but little - Snow birds air pretty searching from the N. - great flocks of C. Brown. snow birds were seen. Pretty busy writing - C. Brown spent the day O.W.D. here - Sylvanus W. went home with his brother O.W. - returned with information that Mr Eli Noble was this evening to be married to Miss Amanda, daughter of Mr J. & Mrs Electa Duncan - all of Pownal. J. Mart. Miss A. came down from the mountain at night from his father's. Lydia & Duncan. Adeline were the only persons attending public service from our house. C. Brown. C. Brown performed a piece of Arithmetical calculation left him by his friend Bates on Sat'y evening - he also answered a question put to him by uncle C. about which they were a little warm previous to its final solution. C.B. carried the day.

MONDAY, JAN'Y 23 In the morning it was pretty stormy from the S. for some time. Afterwards grew mild - ceased snowing, the effect of which was very trifling - mildness increased through the day - cloudy - Affairs being put in decent order we left home for town - an errand was left at Chandler's respecting shovel & tongs - another at Hendryx's concerning garments to be cut out for my father - proceeded up the hill - heard at Dewey's a well played violin - just called at E. Montague the Bookstore - kept on our course to E. Montagues - examined his stone hog-sty & lime house - found his lady superintending her household affairs - washing day - many excuses - informed where we could find her husband - gave us some apple pie - we undertook to search out the place where the good man & his hands had gone - enquired at cousin Hen. Harwood's at the old Saff'd house - the way was pointed out to us in a N.E. direction across the farm lately the property of Capt Jacob Saff'd - now under mortgsge - deviated from our path & found men chopping wood for the old Capt. who had reserved the privilege of cutting it - We at length found our friend engaged with Mr Kelley, another man & his boy, H. Duncan, preparing to build &

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Jan'y 1826 and burn a lime kiln in the Hendyx woods where there appeared to be plenty of good timber for various purposes - He shewed his quarry of Mountain Stone suitable for all kinds of masonry. Having looked round







Cow bo't awhile in this manner - at length addressed ourselves to Mr Kelley con  
 of Kelly. cerning his cow, & after a few moments conversation we bought her of  
 him & paid on the spot \$17.00 - brought the money down for him & left  
 it with his wife. Montague accompanied us out of the woods to his  
 house - told how Widow Biddlewomb was selling her wood off at a great  
 rate & very little prof. Supped at M's - his wife & brother Smith  
 were very lively & agreeable. M. generously assisted in dring the cow  
 C.H. as far as the bridge. We arrived here safely about sunset. Uncle C.  
 visited cousin S. Harwood who made 2 spools for Lydia's little spinning  
 S.H. Brown wheel. The increase of our flock amt'd to 2 lambs. Saw Sam H. Brown  
 H. Taylor. this morning who said he understood our cousin H. Taylor of Pittsfield  
 Ms., lay at the point of death. Dr Swift visited here this evening -  
 E. Waters. also O.W.D. & J. Mart. Went to Waters' this night & watched with the  
 Capt. accompanied by E. Mont. who performed well - the capt. rested  
 tolerably - Uncle S. Robinson was particularly attentive in the early  
 part of the night.

TUESDAY, JAN'Y 24 Mild & snowy till 9 or 10 this m'g - w'd S. thawy  
 till evening then turned to N.W., grew cold.

J. Harwood Visited the dwelling of our good friend J. Harwood to see about get-  
 ting shoes made - promised to be here next week - Called to see A. Har-  
 J.B. Norton wood the miller about grain - made no bargain. Visited B. Norton, with  
 whom breakfasted - agreed with him for a quantity of rennet - he wanted  
 to engage our calves & lambs this season - but made no bargain because  
 I thought myself a little bound to friend Bisbee - My demand for bring  
 Saddle ing his flour agreed should go against the little contract already  
 repaired pmade. At Squires' received the saddle repaired which including crupper  
 pr J. Rog. amounted to \$2.38" of which 50 cents was answered by H. Hull - bal-  
 ancing accounts between him & me - the remainder was charged to me by  
 J. Rogers to whose credit it was put by me this evening. At home fath-  
 er worked very industriously at the woodpile - I was with him a part o  
 of the time, but owing to broken rest, did not persevere as I might,  
 C.H. had it been otherwise - visited Uncle C's Perfect M. at which he was  
 Mrs Kent assiduously engaged. Mrs K. & children paid us a visit this evening.

WEDNESDAY, JAN'Y 25 Middling fair - very cold - wind furious from NW.

Rye A council was held on buying grain, & it was re-  
 contract. solved to purchase between this date & the first of June 30 bbls rye  
 Stove for & corn if to be bought for fifty cents pr bhl. James Nicholls called  
 Meeting upon us to obtain money for buying a new stove & pipe for the meeting  
 House. house - paid him seventy five cents. At noon went off to mill with

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Jan'y 12 bbls rye & a grist of wheat & corn for Mr Kent. Agreed with Asa-  
 1826 hel Harwood to furnish us the grain above mentioned within the time  
 A. Harwood there specified - paid in advance six dollars - requested him to send  
 orders for cider brandy thst it might go towards paying for the remain  
 Corning ger. Bo't & paid at Corning & Co's for six cents worth polishing  
 & Co. powder - Had at F.B. & Co's a three dollar Phoenix Bill, Hartf'd, ex-  
 changed for a one dollar on the same bank & another Washington & War-  
 ren - the other specie 0/9". Lydia, Damia, Sally & Adeline were  
 Eve'g waited upon in the sleigh to the S. school house by S.W. Daniels to at-  
 meeting. tend an evening meeting under the preaching of Rev. Squires. Dr  
 Dr Swift Swift paid mother a visit, staid a good while.

THURSDAY, JAN'Y 26 Very severe, wd high, flying clds from N.W. But  
 Wood. little was done - father was ill of a bad cold.  
 Thayer. P.M. drew 2 lds oak split wood - saw young Thayer hunting foxes - he  
 quitted the business - too cold for him - assisted me some at loading







C.Harwood took a drink of cider with me - Uncle C. continued busy with his per-  
pet M.

FRIDAY, JAN'Y 27 The wind blew cuttingly from the S., very tedious  
although the air gradually gre more mild. Working  
S.W.D. at wood was the main business. S.W.D. reported himself punished at  
school for a slight offence - felt wounded thereat because he felt he  
did not deserve it - I told him not to nice it much - let it go.  
Perpet. Uncle still engzged as heretofore.

SATURDAY, JAN'Y 28Pretty mild wind - W. or N.W. - thawed - Chopping &  
Wood. sawing wood was pretty thoroughly pursued - S.W.D.  
S.W.D. assisted - there being no school - his brother Andrus paid him a visit  
I sold him 11 sheets writing paper. P.M. rode away with Damia to town  
where trading with the merchants was our chief business - \$1.12-1/2"  
Cornings at Corning & Co's - \$1.09 at F.B.& Co's - Called on our way up at Dr  
& Swift's - took up a \$20.00 note given Dec'r 3rd., pd 17-1/2" interest  
F B & Co. on the same. Left at H.Hall's 28 lbs hard cheese - 15-1/4 more late  
Cash pd made at H.H.Fassett's - Returned the Iliad to S.H.Blackmer at the of-  
Dr Swift. fice where saw A. Rob. & A. Hyde. Went to mill - saw old & young J.  
H.Hall. Morse & uncle Sol. who said his & Montague's saw mill was as good as  
Iliad. any one in the county. Bro't home D. & my grist with Mr K. early in  
J.Morse. the evening. C.Brown tarried over night with us - paid me borrowed  
C.Brown. money, \$2.05. Returned to Mrs Hall the History of the Gods & Goddess  
H.Hall es. The new stove for the meeting house was brought & set up in regu-  
Meeting- lar order  
house.

SUNDAY, JAN'Y 29 High dry wind N.W. cloudy & gloomy. Fether & Ade-  
line heard Mr Squires in the meeting house well  
C.Brown warmed. C.Brown & J.Mart. kept Dabbath here - Sylvanus went to Saff'd  
J.Mart. Rob's to get hyssop & succeeded well. Lieut Saff'd was said to be very  
Lieut. ill.  
Safford

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Jan'y 1826	On the 2d of Nov. 1825 I engaged at a future period to show what quan- tity of cider had been made & how it was disposed of									
	SOLD.		Bbls		Bro't up		G's			
Cider	Aaron Norton ..	Black'g.	8.16				22.11..	at \$1...	\$22.33	
1826	E.Montague ....	Acc't...	1. 0		Norton's S	59. 4..	at \$0.75		44.25	
	D.Ruttenbur....	Joinery.	3.26		Dewey's Stil	3.22..	at do...		2.75	
	D.Clark .....	Books &c	3.00		In cellar &					
	T. Hills .....	Cash \$3	3.00		consumed	25. 8..	at do...		18.94	
	L.Chandler.....	Black'g	2.00		Bbls	110.13.....		\$	88.27	
	R.Kent.....	Carp'try	1.00		Apples sold -					
		B's..	22.11		Say to Montague	15 b..			2.50	
	(T.Clark bbl added				do	Ash'l Harwood..	5 cash		.81	
	makes bbls .....		111.13		do	St'phn Harwood.	3			
	\$89.27)					Joiner w'k.....			.50	
	Total am't stands thus		\$104.75		do	H.Harwood use..	70	...	11.67	
									\$	103.75

Snow MONDAY, JAN'Y 30 The wind blew most distressing cold from the S. 4  
or 5 hours this morning - tow'd noon commenced  
snowing - wind changed to N.W. - ceased storming in the evening -  
grew cold rapidly - Some wood was sawed sufficient to make out a sin-  
gle pile at W. end of our wood shed - left off work on account of  
roughness of weather - stabled the cows - Visited town late P.M.  
Cornings Bo't only a ball cott. thread at Corning & Co - enquired the price of  
cheese - Syd said it was 7" - H.H.Rob. said it was 8 - called a mom't







Capt E.  
Waters

at Hicks' - saw & spoke with Henry Harwood - Visited F.B. & Co's - traded none. Next paid my respects to Capt. E.W., who appeared quite ~~the~~ cheerful - laughed heartily when I mentioned what Uncle C. said respecting his Perpetual Motion - that if his present plan failed he knew of one that could not fail - Dr S. Rob. was there - said that our neighbor Mr S. Safford was some better the last news he heard from him After staying some time looking at books in Dr S's office - calling at Mr Bates' & finding Newton growing better of his disorder arrived home about dark - Read Am. Biography - Warren, Arnold, the Clintons, Gen. Morgan &c.

Am.Biog.

TUESDAY, JAN'Y 31 Early this morning a most tremendous gale came on from N.W. which continued without much abatement until past

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Jan'y  
1826

Cold.

Death of  
Nichols.

noon - the cold was said to exceed the intensity of that of Dec'r 13 No business generally was pursued abroad. Mr Ayres as he came across from his house to ours about 9 or 10 this morning froze his nose at the tip. A gentleman belonging to the other side of the mountain until very lately, having filled his glasses too often and too full, became top-heavy & lay out until sunrise this morning, being almost dead when discovered - resided in the W. part of the town - named Nichols - abject in appearance - living with a young Miss in violation of the marriage vow - in a most forlorn condition. This fact was related by Dr Swift who was called to his assistance - This eve'g read very satisfactorily Mr Bigl'd on England - Tow'd evening the wind lulled gradually - grew a little more mild - but still very cold.

Corning &  
Co.  
Court.

P.M.Gen'l

D.Clark

Ballard.  
F.Green.

Mr Rider  
L.Park.

Hicks'

WEDNESDAY, FEB'Y 1 The late wind had completely swept the roads generally running N. & S. clean - no snow remaining except what lodged alongside the fences & in ditches - Pretty raw & uncomfortable this day - hazed up towards evening - snowed from the S.W. at night. Marched to town - my chief business to get a blacksmith to engage to showe my or more properly our oxen. Bo't of Corning & Co 1/2 oz pepper mint - paid 18 or 19". Gave a few moments attendance in Court - saw three Judges - among others, Hon. T.Hutchinson - Spoke with & invited Lym Sherwood to pay us a visit - he replied favorably. Left the Court chamber for the printing office. A letter from the Post M. Gen'l to Mr Bunce, an Editor in Litchfield, C't who had been for some time assistant P.M. at that place & on the decease (of) or resignation of the principal, had applied for the post, but which being conferred on another, wrote the P.M.G. for his reasons for so doing, which were rendered his reply alluded to above, a summary of allegations by his neighbors as foul as could be well imagined, the first of which was that he could not read nor write well enough & was a very bad accountant - and tow'd the end of the long list it was said he wanted principle & capacity to render him fit for the office. Those that I recollect who were present were J.Hubbell Esq., M.L.Selden, S. & D.Clark, A.Rice, Demas Robinson &c. Left the Hill - made a short call at F.B. & Co - visited Algiers without finding blacksmith's at home - Went to Ballard's to obtain a small calf-skin tanned there for us - saw F.Green who rode from Troy with me at work there - he tried to hunt it up but failed - invited him to call to see us - said he would. Returned with Mr Rider into the street - drawn by poor horses in poor wagg. - he spoke with Luther Park concerning Ben Hand(s buying a sur-tout of his son - a minor - wherein he was cheated - wished to know how he should proceed to recover it - P. told him he must take him for trover, or if he could find the garment off his back he would be justly entitled to it - Landed at F.B. & C's - Saw Richard Dickinson at Hicks'







Jan'y 1826 Heard the Dancing Master playing the violin. Bo't of F.B. & Co a white p't bowl for 0/6 - agreed with Mr Chandler to shoe oxen for \$1.12-1/2" shoes being found - payable in brandy at 50". Called at Dr Swift's - F.B. & Co had no chance for doing business - reached home early in the evening - Chandler the discourse was held on the subject of alms to the poor - opposed Alms the system by individuals - my doctrine being to furnish them with employment & pay them well. Duncan O.W. Daniels reported Mr Duncan to have had a fit resembling such as he had experienced heretofore. Uncle C. P. Motion pursued his P. Motion without success

THURSDAY, FEB'Y 2 Moderate & cldy - wd S - snow made but litt. difference with the slighing which was now poor. Being

Snow. on my way to Mr C's to get the oxen shod - called at Dr Swift's & paid Cash pd \$3.26 & in the eve'g paid 27" more on the \$53.00 note given Dec. 3rd 1 Dr Swift. 1825. The animals were shod as talked of and paid for according to Oxen shod agreement, and a little over without charge. Had additional dogs or spikes driven in to the sled beam & tea kett. bail fixt. Marched on J.E. Robinson. to the C. H. hill - at Dewey's saw J.E. Robinson & spoke with him - there were likewise our old friends U. Edgerton, H.H. Fassett, S. Fay, Harry Rob., C. Bisbee (low in health) T. Hills, Jo Norton & others - Old Mr Clark. Visited the printing office - was informed that old Mr C. was barely alive - Draper of Shaftsbury, Deac. Merch't & Harmon Turner of Pownal H.B. Fassett were present. Went again to Dewey's & rec'd paym't in full of H.H. Fassett pays cash sett with the exception of a fraction - for 15-1/4 lbs cheese at 8" pr lb. Took my way down the hill - stopped at Dr H. Swift's to procure a Capt P. little barley for mother, but they had none. Made settlement with Dewey Capt P. Dewey for 120 gs of cider - J. Brooks present - he made out a due brandy. due bill for 6 galls 1 qt & 1 pint brandy - which I put in the hands of Mr Chandler & son - payable in their work - they talked a little of selling a six yrs old cow for which they would ask \$14.00 - Yoked my beasts to the sled, rode to Dr Swift's, paid the money mentioned Chandler above, which reduced my \$53. note to exactly fifty dollars. Got home cheese. before dark & after supper took a cheese weighing 15-1/2 lbs and carried to L. Chandler & Son which I charged at 8" - Went to H. & B's P. Dewey office & got Capt. P. Dewey to correct a mistake in our settlement, which entitled the bearer of the due-bill to 6 gs 2 qts & half a pint br'y. The old one was given up - gave the new one to C. & Son. Dr H Swift At that office L. Patchin & Dr H. Swift appeared to disagree respecting L. Patchin the acc't between the estates of M. Robinson & S. Squires late Bennington deceased.

Jan'y 1826 Returning from town was accompanied by Dr Swift to his house where by invitation made short call - the Dr made out a statement of what was Dr Swift. due on the settlement note of \$64.07" given March 15 1822, on which was endorsed Oct 25, 1824, \$32.28" - according to his computation - principal & interest amounted to \$41.12" but we find that it is more S.H. Brown than that. His eldest brother & our fr'd S.H. Brown were there - The Treasury Dr lent me The Lett. of the Sec. of the T. of the U.S. to the Speaker Report. of the H. of Rep. giving a full account of the finances of the U.S. The copy was sent him by Mr Seymour one of our (delegates) Rep. Arrived here before eight in the evening - was informed that a bargain had been closed by Mr Bates' sons for the Riley place at \$300. Esq Bates payable to Sam H. Brown. Miss Lorinda Doty of Wilmington was brought Miss L. here this morning by Mr Uel Hicks, who left her with our ladies on a Doty. visit. P. Motion Two lambs were added to the flock. Uncle C. worked at his P.M



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FRIDAY, FEB'Y 3 Very wintry - snow & clds flew from N.W. - the sleighing improved slowly. Collected stuff for making a board hogs trough - the (bank) bottom being a three inch plank saw this thing partly compleated, and P.M. visited Court House Hill - entered the C. House but did not stay long enough to (hear) understand what business was before the Court - Saw at Dewey's Lyman Sherwood who J E Robin-promised to visit us this evening - At Cushman's saw J.E.Robinson, but son. did not - Paid a visit to uncle S.Robinson's family - they were gaining health - talked a good while - went over to Mr Judd's at Capt Nichols' - conversed some time on old affairs - at length he informed me he had a cow to dispose of - I left him with an intention of buying her - she being kept at uncle S's where according to contract between them & the owner she was to remain until the middle of May. Returned to uncle S's - supped - started with cousin Samuel for home - by the way bo't large door butts & screws for 23 cents - paid at Corning & Co. Co's. Along the way & at our house the conversation with cous. S. was very lively & entertaining. Uncle C. continued handling his Perp. P.Motion Motion when not otherwise employed. He concluded now to adjourn it awhile

SATURDAY, FEB'Y 4 Tolerably cold till past 10 - mild till the evening drew on - the clds were dispersed most of the P.M. - cold night. Assisted uncle C. in building up our new trough, the lid of which was hanged with butts - cous. Sam spent the day here - lent a hand in our employment - cut some cions to carry to Orwel, N.Y. F.Childs his place of residence. Freeborn Childs gallanted Miss Doty S. a few miles this P.M. - returned here & supped - conveyed his lady, as I was informed, to Capt Hicks'. Mrs Waters, the Capt's lady, paid us a visit this P.M. with her little son in her arms. About sun-set started

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Feb'y with cous. Sam for town - parted with him near Hicks' - ran over to 1826 Capt Hall's to see if I could get money - the man had not returned from Court - called at Hicks' - left & went to the Court House - went in - the C. was engaged in bringing in their decisions on the various causes which had been tried by them during the present term - my stay was so transient that I could comprehend but little respecting the business - walked over to Dewey's & then to Cushman's - applied to him to borrow money - he could not lend because he expected to go to the North next week - marched back to Dewey's by way of Fassett's, found a number of people assembled there, among others were E. Montague, A. Hyde O. Abell, S. & D. Clark - in the next room Weeks' played the violin powerfully - gave us imitation bagpipe - Here were H.H.Fassett, B. Squire A. Norton &c. Spoke to friend F. for money - had lent or engaged to lend all his paper, would oblige me with the specie, but must have same in return again - went with him to his house & rec'd \$9. in silver - felt afraid to use it - entered the court house once more - stood some time by Bar with my hat on, without being conscious of it - cousin Uel at length informed me & I corrected the mistake - he talked with me in a very friendly familiar manner - at last saw Capt Hall who paid me pays cash \$9. in bills, which I pocketed in a roll & immediately trudged away to Cow bo't Mr Judd's - conversed an hour or two with the man & his lady, toward of Judd. the conclusion of my visit bought his cow which was kept at Dr Sam's for his note with the interest to \$6.15 and ten dollars cash - of the bills took a memorandum of the No's - Returned to uncle S's - cousin S got home just after my arrival - said he should start for home on Monday - would pass through Troy - so therefore wrote H.Debar to pay my account & get Gary's receipt for \$13.25 & endorse on his note against







me under date of Dec. 3 1825, three dollars which should settle our cash concern at present - desired him to pay Mr G. by the first of March - informed him of having taken up my note at G's and paying up the Dr Swift demand - see Dec 3d - Inserted compliments from Lyd, D. & S. Ad, & Hopkins. Arrived safely at home between 10 & 11 at night. Mr Solomon Clark Sen departed this life after a long & painful illness about 8 o'clock this morning. He sustained the character of an honest good man - was an undeviating believer in the C. Religion - of the Methodist persuasion - Aged 68 -

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Feb'y 1826 SUNDAY, FEB'Y 5 Mild, cldy & thawy. Wind N.E. Took the usual cour course but was impeded by stopping to assist uncle C. in making a calculation upon what was due Dr Swift on note - which as near as could be ascertained amounted on the 3d inst to \$224.45", principal & interest - of which the former made the sum of \$200.42" - The medical acc't we could only guess at - say \$45. - added to the above & it would be \$209.45" - due him on the day aforesaid. Father & Damia went to meeting in the cutter. J.Mart. passed away the day here - made some very good pens for me. Sylvanus visited his father's - reported all well - Mr Duncan getting better - cous Nelson gave us a call on his return to H.H.Robinson's. We now numbered 8 lambs at the barn. The E. hay mow was all consumed this day - the W. remained pretty high & entire besides a stack in the orchard of 4 or 5 tons & a considerable quantity of straw - the latter was pretty plentifully mixed with the former to make it hold out well. It will be seen by turning to page 890 what number of cattle, sheep & horses we fed at this date.

MONDAY, FEB'Y 6 Thawy & very pleas't - wind W, Mr John Harwood came on to make up a quantity of shoes & boots. Wood Father attended the funeral of old Mr Clark - I drew 3 loads wood - the J.Rogers last was drawn after receiving the company of J.Rogers and Julius Safford, who accompanied me into the woods - staid till the evening was well advanced conversing v'sry agreeably on a variety of subjects. Julius Safford Uncle C. made a spit box, also a spring to the hogs trough & filed 2 Stephen saws. On Saturday the 4th inst a bbl of cider was deliv'd pr boys to Harwood. Stephen Harwood

TUESDAY, FEB'Y 7 Cloudy - thawy - rained this evening. Drew 4 l'ds School stops wood. There being no school on account of the C.Harwood teacher's illness, S.W.D. st'd at home. Uncle C. visited the E. part Mr Gleason of the town. Rec'd a visit from Mr G. & lady.

WEDNESDAY, FEB'Y 8 Turned about very cold in the night but was not so severe this day but that it thawed slightly, there were frequent & violent flares of wind & some snow gusts during the day. Four more l'ds wood were drawn from the high oak hill W. of the Sugar Place - had to descend a very steep hill pitch to the N. Uncle C. requested me to write that he performed but little business this J Harwood day. Mr Harwood having made a pr of thick boots for me, I now began Cash paid wearing them. Paid in full to Norman Judd Norton for stocking a French N.J.Norton. gun in my possession in neat & handsome style, \$2.50"







THURSDAY, FEB'Y 9 Rather thawy - but not much so, hazy & cldy - Drew  
Wood 4 lds wood - Perhaps I might peruse Bigland on Eng  
land this eve'g. J.Mart. came here out of health this eve'g.

FRIDAY, FEB'Y 10 Damp, cldy, some rainy from SE - w'd roared - Drew  
Wood. 4 l'ds wood - left 2 of them by the way. Read his  
J.Mart. tory some. J.Mart. staid with us.

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FEB'Y SATURDAY, FEB'Y 11 Dark, Rainy, muddy & very unpleas't. Began to  
1826 freeze again in the evening. Some wood was sawed,  
sled shod, & by me a very tedious operation was performed at the habit  
ation of our hogs. Our lambs came along by two's & three's - had lost  
Lambs but one up to this date. A l'd of wood for uncle C. was one of the 4  
C.Harw'd drawn on Friday. Mr Harwood had made a pair of thick & another of thin  
John shoes for S. W. Daniels & finished footing a pair of thin boots for me  
Harwood. - the same that J.M.B.Spencer got in May 1823 - See p. 416 - Uncle C.  
had ~~ereditied-a-turning-lathe-~~ erected a turning lathe and made a phial  
J.Mart. lækker for mother. J.Mart. left us this morning for Ruttenbur's.  
Perused Bigland's this eve'g respecting the Briton's, Romans & Saxons.

SUNDAY, FEB'Y 12 Chill, strong wind from N.W. Executed some writ-  
ing. Read some in various books - two or three  
chapt's in Proverbs, some in Genesis, respecting Noah & his posterity  
J.Mart. & S. Montague were here - Father & Damia went to meeting -  
C.Harw'd the minister was paid 12-1/2" - Uncle C. fell to the ground and hurt  
the inside of his right hand.

MONDAY, FEB'Y 13 Pretty freezing & pleas't - Sawing & chopping wood  
C.Harw'd was pursued. Uncle C. visited Algiers - brought  
Sick home a part of the loom irons from A. Norton's. Our School Master had  
school to put a stop to his school on account of bad health. E.Fay Jr called  
master. & viewed Uncle C's Motion & our swine - considered the former as very  
J.Harw'd curious - the latter very fine. Mr J. Harwood continued working at  
Parsons. his shoemaking here. Mrs Nash & her friend Mrs Ayres paid their re-  
G.House. spects here a few moments this day. Sally & the girls went to friend  
Parsons' this eve'g for a visit. Perused Bigland and Guthrie on Eng-  
land. G.House brought up a quantity of sand to pay for smoking hams  
John F. - he loaded in the same & staid while talking of his uncle J.T.Baily'  
Billing Estate at Charleston, S.C.

TUESDAY, FEB'Y 14 Cloudy, threat'd snow - from 10 to 12 snowed. P.M  
raw & chilly - wind N.W. - cold night. Sawed  
L.Dewey wood - P.M. went to mill - L.Dewey rode with me half a mile or so -  
N.Smith Informed that Noah Smith & his lady had been here on a visit among  
their friends a few days since - As I had attended school with them  
many days with them felt very sorry that I could not have seen them.  
J.Ballard Settled acc'ts in full with Jay Ballard - rec'd a calf skin instead of  
settled a poor one carried there last season which accidentally was sold or  
with. mislaid - at first we could not fairly understand each other. By the  
reckoning made 28th Nov'r last he supposed nothing was due me but twen  
ty five cents whereas I had allowed in full for tanning three calf  
skins - had rec'd one of his in lieu of my best - the odds was charged  
to me - rec'd another of mine for womens wear







Feb'y 1826 which left one, although of poor quality, yet due me, but not at that time finished - after looking over that transaction and talking some, he settled harmoniously as stated before. Mentioned to Capt Hills making the big rope for cheese press in May or June 1823 - which he recollected. Went to D. Clark's - thence to W. Haswell's - he was not at home but at Rouse's store - by going there got him to go down to his house & settle an old P. Office account against me which amounted to \$2.41" to which he added interest enough to make it rise to \$3.00 - reckoning for 4 years. D. Clark engaged verbally after my return to his office to take up my note for me towards the pork he rec'd from me Nov. 15th 1825. While on the sett. ought to have stated giving my note to Haswell to ballance the P.O. acc't. Rec'd no money from S.H. Blackmer. Bro't home friend Parsons with a quantity of beef from A. Robinson's. Rec'd from Mr Gleason 1 bbl buck-wheat on acc't. Very sickly death of among children - The Emperor Alexander of Russia died early in Dec'r as stated in the papers. Uncle C. visited the S. part of the town. Alexander

WEDNESDAY, FEB'Y 15 Very freezing this morning - pretty snug cold winter weather - good waggoning for the season. He at-

J. Harwood tended mostly to wood & lambs. Our friend John Harwood brought his job to a close after assiduously laboring 9 days - during which he made 1 pr thick boots for father - 1 do for myself - 1 pr thick shoes & another do thin for S.W. Daniels - 1 pr boots for my lady, another for Lydia - 1 do for Adeline & 1 do for Hopkins - 1 pr cloth shoes for mother, exclusive of considerable mending. His price for making coarse boots was \$1. - for shoes 3/0 - for ladies 2/6 - In the above enumeration forgot to insert a pr of thin boots footed for me. His bill, including two items of mending executed at his house, Dec 24 & Jan 13 amounted to \$7.21". It cost me about 14 lbs soal leather of which there remained, after selling him some for making thin shoes, 20-1/2 lbs. According to a rough calculation made on this job, including board, candles &c supposed it might amount to \$16.21". Besides the leather let him have 1 bbl cider at \$1.25 & 18-1/2 lbs cheese at 8" - in the whole being \$3.06" - conveyed him & his stuff home - lent him the bbl in which his cider was carried - froze him at Corning's, speaking after the manner of men, while the Deacon was getting 1 oz Gum Arabic for me which I bought for Damia with her money - there were in that store Capt. Hicks, Mr Pool, Elliott Hills &c - a cotillion party at Hicks'. To M. Norton 2d paid 1 g. brandy towards lathe irons for uncle

Feb'y 1826 which as far as he had proceeded amounted to 75 cents - gave me cr - 50 for the br & charged his work - R. Colvin was there & said he wished he could get some brandy of me - I joked him saying it would hurt him - he replied that, that was none of my business - told him I would sell it for money - no he must deal by barter. Called on friend A. Harwood to get a grist of 14 bbls rye provender - A's wife was out of health.

Chopping & sawing wood. THURSDAY, FEB'Y 16 Cold & wintry - wind chilly from the S. Chopping & sawing wood went on moderately. S.W.D. was sent to Mr E. Carpenter's to get 4 quarts barley for mother. Uncle C. worked at tools. Mr Kent drew wood from the Street lot with our oxen half a day - for himself

Wood. FRIDAY, FEB'Y 17 Over-night a light snow had fallen - Good sound weather this day followed - Father was ome out of health - S.W.D. & myself got home 4 l'ds wood. Uncle C. finished his







Sickness lathe - turned a top for Hopkins. O.Parsons was very ill - so was Mr Beers & lady in a degree. They were very sickly at Mr Gleason's - indeed almost every family at this time had its sick ones with an influenza which spread all over the northern part of the U.S.

Wood SATURDAY, FEB'Y 18 Cloudy even weather - wind chiefly from S.W. Four more l'ds of wood were added to our pile - father assisted some although some unwell - got two l'ds from a high peak towards the S. part of our lot - the first growth of wood was now nearly exhausted. J. Doty 2d made his appearances late from Boston, where he s'd he had worked at masoning the two last years - reported it very sickly in that place & vicinity - C.Brown came over here this evening. J.Stone of Litchfield, C't arrived at Parsons' from that depart't. Orville was getting better. Uncle C. worked at tools. My being plagued with ague in my face and otherwise out of tune caused me to send Litchfield, C't Sylvanus W. to Waters' to watch with our brave Capt. who was now considered S.W.D. siderably better than he had been.

C.Brown SUNDAY, FEB'Y 19 Keen air but pretty pleas't. Wrote much as usual. C.Brown kept Sabbath with us till eve - perused some part of Locke Abridged, which he had with him - that is I read it John Doty & Josiah Stone, my wife's brother who arrived at Parsons' last evening from Salisbury, Conn., 3 weeks from Litchfield - viewed P.Motion uncle C's Motion. Parsons visited H.Falls. Sold 4 lbs 14 oz cheese to Dr Swift - charged. Dr Swift

Letter to MONDAY, FEB'Y 20 Hazy, cloudy, chilly S.W. wind. Plagued yet with jaw ache - wrote the main part of a long letter to Jonas uncle Honas Harwood enumerating all such particulars as would be interesting to him - could not tell the date of my last Harwood

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Feb'y before this to him - Father & Sylvanus finished bringing wood from the 1826 woods - 3 loads - Late P.M. S.W.D. went to W.Smith's with oxen & wagg. Wood. for Mr Ayres to bring over a few potatoes. J.Stone & J. Doty visited J.Doty 2d uncle C. who exhibited his motion and his skill in other higher pursuits. J.Doty cut a quantity of cions from the old Rusting on the new garden & the Hiram tree to carry to Ohio. Mr K. was among our visitors this day. Mr Parsons visited here this eve'g - See Dec'r 21 1825

TUESDAY, FEB'Y 21 At first the wind being south, rain mingled with hail - then suddenly snowed bravely awhile - ceased Letter to before night - remained foggy & cloudy throughout the day. Finished J.Harw'd my letter to Uncle Jonas - giving an account of our health - the latest neighborhood occurrences - uncle C's having been here ever since last March - the deaths of old Mrs Fay, John F. Billing, Capt M.Robinson, Capt S. Squire - News of the Furnace blowing out, & its importance if successful. In what situation we stood as to debt & what our main employment. Requested him most earnestly to write - acquainted him with the health of uncle S.R. & family - with the accident which happened to our friend E. Waters', and all such affairs as would naturally be enquired for by him. Accompanied friend Doty to Hicks' & there parted with him - he intended to depart in the Western Stage. Mr H. informed S.H.Brown me that our friend S.H.Brown was some better in health than he had been Rich'd Conveyed to Rich'd Carpenter 14 lbs cheese which was delivered to him Carpent'r at 8" on account - leaving a balance in his favor of 55 cents - the whole demand for cutting clothes being \$1.67" previous to paying the cheese. Visited cous. U.M.R. in his office while - found him complaining of ill health having lately had the Great Cold so prevalent at







D.Clark this time. Most of my time was taken up in Clark's office reading papers &c. - Rec'd from D.Clark tow'ds pork my note to W.Haswell, \$3.00, for which gave him credit. Trenor, & I think 2 of his sons, were there a short time - also Merrill & D.Rob. 2d - agreed with the Colonel to pay me money sufficient to answer the minister tax on the first of April ensuing. Died on Monday about mid-day Mrs Allice Griswold widow of the late Mr Griswold who died in the early part of the year 1801 - her age was years. Took clothes a suit of which had been cut out for S.W.D. from R.Carpenter's & cleared for home - paid Capt Waters Company. a short visit. Car. & D. Waters were visitants here this evening. D.Ruttenbur Sold to D.Ruttenbur pr J. Mart. 14-1/4 lbs cheese at 8" on short credit \$1.14". Mother had a bad pain in her face - my jaw grew better. C.Harw'd Mr Stone took his departure for friend P's. Uncle C. made tools.

WEDNESDAY, FEB'Y 22 Cl'dy in the m'g - high N.W. wind all day - clear P.M. Nothing of great importance in motion - Mr

R.Kent Kent hooped in part a vinegar bbl at uncle C's - Mr Stone looked on - Sally doctored his foot for him. A gate was hanged at the barn for use about changing position of calves. In town visited the office of Hall

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Feb'y and Blackmer - Capt P.Dewey, A.Rob. Esq & A. Hyde were present, tsk-  
1826 ing of the adventure of Tom Stanniford in the Chataugay country 1813  
Hall & or 1814. Rec'd from S.H.Blackmer three dollars towards pork & 40  
Blackmer. cents in full of H.Hall for pork & cheese. Bo't trimmings for S.W.D's  
Cash p'd coat at F.B.& Co's for which paid 61 cents, as per store book. Saw  
by Hall. there John and his son J. Morse & Isaac Ripley. Paid to Truman Hendryx  
S.W.D. fifty cents cash for cutting vest & pantaloons for my father - it be-  
T.Hendryx ing his acc't in full. At Chandler's had a pair of hinge hooks made -  
Chandler for which Sam said should charge 15" a piece. G.House had a young  
& Son. animal of the horse kind shod there. Mr Hand was with H. - had given  
G.House. out or ordered to be given out a writ for the apprehension of Varnum  
Mr Hand Taft who stood indebted to him to some am't. Read Forum Orator this  
Funeral. evening - belonging to the estate of C. Wright deceased. Father atten  
B.Magoon. attended the funeral of Mrs Griswold. Mr Parsons paid us a lively  
Parsons. visit this evening. Betsey Magoon came to Parsons'.

Flax THURSDAY, FEB'Y 23 Chilly, SW wind - snow thin but not thawed much  
carried to this day - Transported to Fish's flax-machine 176  
machine. bundles flax - to be dressed between the middle & last of March. Supp  
S.Rob. ed with uncle Sam's family - Nathan was busy at butting & carrying to  
Walbridge's mill a parcel of saw logs - button-wood, bass & butternut.  
Saw Page Haynes drawing wood for (Deac) Mr Edgerton - conversed with M  
Judd. Mr Judd who told me his wife & eldest daughter were pretty sick. In  
the street saw a young man with a pack on his back bound for N.Hamp-  
G.Corning shire. Bo't of Corning & Co 1-1/2 oz paragoric for which paid 18  
& Co. cents. Uncle C. made tools - friend S. contin'd lame with his frozen  
Stone. feet. Perhaps Mr Kent might have been a ~~writer~~ visitor here during  
Kent. this day.

S.W.D. FRIDAY, FEB'Y 24 Very fair & fine indeed - Worked at wood - S.W.D.  
was unwell & could not work - the lambs were well  
looked to. Uncle C. wrought at tools, arising early, and at his unpro-  
P.Motion ductive Motion. Mr S. continued to be exercised with considerable  
pain in his feet. Read in Bigland's respecting Edward 3rd who was a  
very active enterprising prince. Paraons paid us a sociable visit.  
Uncle C. filed the wood saw. I must record the death of Mr Hiram







Death of H. Bushnell. Bushnell which happened on the 23d inst. in his 22d year - his complaint was the Great Cold - from which it was presumed he might have recovered easily had he been under proper management. Medical aid was applied at an hour too late to take proper effect. He resided at the house lately owned by Mr Seth Palmer - See p. 707 -

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Feb'y 1826 Hail & rain. Dr Swift B. Sears H. Rob'n Capt. Waters. P. Motion S.W.D. O.W.D. SATURDAY, FEB'Y 25 Thick cl'ds driven before a heavy S. wind at last produced wind which it is supposed was powerful Wind changed N. early - next driving hail & rain most furiously against our windows for a short time - this was a very thorough thaw, especially in the roads - Sawed wood - father wrought with beetle & wedges. Spoiled the old and made a new beetle. I felt anxious to visit Petersburgh to see cous. M. Hatwood respecting her coming to make cheese, weave, &c for us the coming season, but the thaw was too powerful for me. Hopkins being violently ill, visited Dr Swift about 9 in the evening to obtain his aid, but having retired to rest he called for his portmonteau from which he drew a handful of senna, ordering it to be given him - promising to come down in the morning. The walking was most dreadful - Benj Sears & cous. H. Robinson were my companions going up - they reported Capt. W. to be doing well - had begun to sit up at short intervals. Esq Bates & his sons J. & N. got wood from off the Street lot. Uncle C. spent some time on his P. Motion besides keeping up his tool business. Sally performed some surgical operations on her brother J's feet. S.W.D. was granted the privilege of visiting his folks in Pownal. O.W.D. came down & tarried with him here at night. Sally & mother retired to the S. room with H. who had a very sick night

SUNDAY, FEB'Y 26 Pretty mild - wind pretty brisk at N.W. Hopkins was much better. Dr Swift paid him as well as met mother a visit - My employment is mentioned in my account of many preceding Sabbath's. The bad travelling prevented anybody (from) going from this to Church. Friend Parsons, J. Mart., & Eb'r Gleason were visitants in the course of the day - the last rec'd on cr't 2 qts bran dy to be paid shortly. O.W.D. went home before night - D. Ruttenbur was said to be quite ill, but not dangerous.

Snow MONDAY, FEB'Y 27 During night 5 or 6 inches unlooked for snow was spread over our country and it continued falling moderately most of the day - never a snow lay more completely undisturbed - it was very damp - was piled on trees, fences, buildings &c exactly as it descended from the cl'ds. So stormy & bad stirring that out-door business stood still except keeping a good look-out for the creatures at the barn - S.W.D. gallanted friend Stone to Algiers - the former had his boots tapped & heeled pr J. Rogers at Squires' on my account for 30" - had a patch sewed onto one of father's boots, price 12" - stock furnished by me - Made ready for going to Petersburgh. Uncle C. had tool irons made at Chandler's. Esq'r Bates took up his abode with his family & stuff at the Riley place - p.540 - 819







Feb'y 1826      TUESDAY, FEB'Y 28      The snow contin'd , slowly increasing - very mild but little wind stirring & that from S.E. - rather thawy. Rode with my lady to Mr Thomas Phillips Jun'r - by way of Mammy Shaw's - arrived perhaps about 1 P.M. - found cousin Margaret sick - having just gone through with a course of the Typhus fever - her speedy recovery was confidently looked for under the care of young Dr Moses, who paid her a visit while were there - a physician newly established in the place - much against the will of Dr Robinson whe, the old practitioner. P.Barber we only saw as we passed her in a sleigh - merely exchanged a few coarse compliments with her - were informed by her friends that she had passed some time at her brother-in-laws at Berlin where their family was afflicted severely with the fever above named - of which his 2d son died - after her return home she was confined with the same complaint - cousin M. became her principal nurse which in all probability was the cause of her illness. She was very sociable during our tarry - stated that she left her relatives all in health at the West from whence she arrived at Mr P's on the 1st of Dec'r 1825 - Engaged to come and work for us on the first of May ensuing. We enjoyed a very pleasing but short visit - saw old Mr P. a few moments - his lady was expected not long to survive. Mansur G. was attending grammar school at the village. Started for home about sun-set - our poney by reason of the damp, heavy snow & the muddy bottom in many places on which lay - & not having performed much labor of late was considerably worried down during this our Petersburg jaunt in the Parsons cutter - Just before ten made a short call at Newell's, 4 C's - Some young people belonging to Bennington started for home in Hicks' sleigh under the guidance of Black Tom - while we were there. Bo't of Patterson a harp for H.H. - paid N. a small fee & then put off for home & there arrived a bour 12 at night - Mary Ann had been violently attacked - the Dr was sent for without attending - sent down a quantity of asafoedity which had been administered and produced a favorable result. Since some of the last days of January there had been added to our flock 32 lambs, out of which had lost three - the surviving ones were doing well. The hay-stack built at the close of haying last season was broached this day. See Feb'y 5 -

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1 The weather underwent no material change - thawy & some rainy - wind rather S.Easterly - snowed as well as rained. Something done at wood. S.W.D. commenced breaking steers - I assisted a little - visited & returned from Gleason's - he let us have an ox-bow which he had fin'd for us.

March 1826      At noon uncle C. left us for Waters' making sashes. We rec'd information of the death of Capt Rufus Barney which occurred either on the 28th in the evening or early this morning in the <sup>supposed</sup> ~~supposed~~ <sup>his</sup> ~~supposed~~ age. He believed the soul to be mortal like the body. He supposed the character of a good citizen, neighbor & husbandman, was usually active in business till a late period of his life - raised a considerable numerous family by his 2 wives - the last of whom he married in the year 1819. E.Fay Jun'r drew wood past here to carry to Hendryx to pay for cutting clothes for his family. Our friend C.Brown tarried here this night. This eve'g perused the Biog. Sketch of Col Hamilton who perished in his unfortunate encounter with that infamous character Aaron Burr 1804. Gen. H. I believe suffered too much from party prejudice - at this distance of time & after the jars of contending parties have ceased to stun the ear, we perceive that he was an important instrument in the hand of Providence in establishing the happy in-







Hamiltonstitutions under which we have so long enjoyed the blessings of civil liberty. It is true the plan which he laid before the Convention savored strongly of Aristocracy but perhaps he was honest in its promulgation - and when he found that it did not meet with the views of his compatriots, he laid aside all opposition & strove with all his skill & eloquence to support the Constitution in its present form

THURSDAY, MARCH 2d Contin'd thawy - rainy - very muddy & splashy - there was much fog at night. The wood was slowly wrought upon. S.W.D. contin'd breaking steers. Father attended Capt B's funeral. B's funeral - Mr Hollister was said to have preached an excellent sermon. Sent S.W.D. to Corning & Co's to buy small notions which are inserted in my store book - amounting to 23" - paid. Mrs P. Waters & Em. young Elisha visited us about mid-day. Cous. Em Rob. arrived late Robinson. from Dancing School.

FRIDAY, MARCH 3d No material difference in the weather - rainy - Bad season for foddering creatures on the ground - so very wet & splashy. Our wood business advanced very tardily on account of rainy weather. A hog-rack was put in train - partly finished. Dr Swift visited M. Ann this morning & protracted his stay to such a degree as to put off L's breakfast to a later hour than usual. The Kelly cow ran away home, was returned by S.W.D. riding after her. Baron Read Biographical acc't of B. Steuben who died in 1795. He was a noble Steuben. hearted old soul - Hated traitors & mean men.

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March 1826 SATURDAY, MARCH 4 Continued rainy, thawy, cl'dy, gloomy, foggy & very muddy. Wood business almost at a stand. My hog-rack was set up, made fast at the bottom in which was assisted by fr'd J. Martindale - finished all except fastening at top - made an improvement in the trough which being experimental did not quite suit - a small alteration only was wanting. J.M. had a lame hand - talked very familiarly with M.A.W. - some part of the time much against the wishes of the elderly persons of the family who thought it would tend to produce the vapors, fidgets or what you will. Read Biographical notice of J. Paul Jones who fought so valiantly in the Eng. Seas in the course of the war of the Revolution. Read a few pages in Bigland concerning the commotions stirred up by Wat Tyler & Jack Straw during the reign of Rich'd 2d tow'd the end of the 14th Century. Played the flute awhile, but the pleasure was much abridged by reflecting on the sad fate of my musical manuscript which was lost in the manner mentioned page 784 - So much pains had I taken to collect the rare pieces it contained, in my juvenile days, - so little did I ever think of parting with it, and so dependent was I thereon in my musical practice that during some some long nights the present season when for some cause or other sleep was banished from my aching eyes - among the numerous ideas that alternately occupied my mind - the loss of this book came up for its share amidst other plagues entailed on poor frail human nature. Mr Emer Hill came to reside in Mr P's shop with his wife, 5 children, household effects &c. His brother Levi & wife were assistants. Sold brandy to the am't of 31" - pd. E.Hill. Uncle C. came home from Waters' - said he was doing well the Capt. having risen this day assisted only by his lady & daughters. C.Harw'd Capt W. Uncle C. rec'd from me a q't br'y for another gent. on the limits, charged Mr H. removed from the north part of Pownal. We made out a list of cows, stating ages & prices - the full am't being, 20 head from two to twelve years old, but one only being 2 years old -







Debts &c. \$337.15" - Wintered thus far 19 of them - add oxen \$50. - 2 yrs old steers \$20. - 2 yr old heifer \$9. - yearling bull & heifer \$10 - in all Stock. \$426.15". Horses \$135. - 40 sheep \$80. - added to the above makes a total of ~~\$426.15~~ \$641.15" At some leisure hour I shall endeavor exhibit a regular statement of debts &c.

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March 1826 SUNDAY, MARCH 5 The snow was mostly dissolved - otherwise very little difference could be distinguished between this & the immediately preceding days. My business confined me pretty closely all day - writing. Towards evening there arrived here - H. C. Brown. Robinson, Ben. Sears, & Cha's Brown the two former after many funny things said, went home, but the latter being very sharply attacked by fever, staid, tarried: perhaps I qualified it too high by attaching the adverb "very" - we will simply say he was quite unwell - exhibited specimens of his scholars' penmanship. J.Mart. left for his friend D. Ruttenbur's tow'd evening. S.W.D. skinned a fox which he found astray in our field of rye lugging off a huntsman's trap - the poor fellow appeared likely tomescape, being held in the trap by a piece of skin only

MONDAY, MARCH 6 The snow was pretty generally off in the low open grounds - very unpleas't - chilly, cl'dy, foggy - rained & snowed P.M. - kept at the wood as usual until it rained - S.Pratt Jr then got in a l'd hay from the stack - Mr S.Pratt Jr with his son came over to find their fox - S.W. informed them of his finding it on Saturday - taking off the skin &c. Plagued to think what mangling work was done therewith. He talked with our friend C. Brown about his taking the school in Algiers - he agreed to commence teaching on the morrow - this evening rode to town & bo't a new fur hat of F. Clark - price 3-1/2 dollars. Neighbor G. borrowed seal leather for out-soals to his son Emmerson's boots to be made at Parsons' - Cousin N.Robinson gallanted his sister Emily here home - was lively & full of jokes.

TUESDAY, MARCH 7 The atmosphere was far from being clear but if I mistake not there some few intervals of sunshine - a great luxury at this juncture - Rained & hailed after dark. Advanced the wood pretty well. Mr Kent filed saw for me, did not put it to his credit because I presumed it was balanced by some favor on our part not charged. Mr G's girls visited our ladies this evening - their brothers - E. & Eben, waited upon them home - Parsons & fri'd Stone were also here. I played the flute & read a part of Ames' Speech on the British Treaty, 1794. C.Brown began keeping school this morning in Algiers for \$13. per month - to continue 2 months. The Kelly cow added to our stock a fine calf. My reading was principally confined to Bigland - Article Engl'd Hist. View.

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March 1826 WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8 Contin'd cloudy & foggy - rainy, very muddy - rained at night. The wood employed us as usual. Gleason bo't hay of Willard Green - had oxen to assist in getting his load up P's hill. Our friend had been obliged to purchase many dollars buys hay. worth of that article during the present season. Friend P. visited us

THURSDAY, MARCH 9 Very near like what it had been for 2 weeks past - cl'dy, gloomy and rainy - streams full & overflowing. No variation in business. Uncle C. visited us from Capt. W's at night.







March 1826  
 Wood. Betsey Magoon. Day.  
 Hay. Dancing-class.

FRIDAY, MARCH 10 The sun broke out pretty warm & pleas't about 10 A.M. - before night rained powerfully in showers - wind S. - We were about to bring our wood cutting to a close - S.W.Dan iels went to gallant Miss Betsey Magoon to her father's in Pownal Pine Woods - they rode on horse-back, having a beast apiece. Young Day of Marlborough, Vt., grandson of the late Gideon Randall about 20 years of age, pretty active apparently, applied to let himself to us for 8 months, but we being already provided with help sufficient could not contract with him. A small load of hay was carted in from the stack t to the barn, concluded this day's business. This evening S.W.D. went to Hicks' to see the performers in the Dancing School

SATURDAY, MARCH 11 Fair & pleas't, cold, strong wind, N.W. After at tending to some trifling domestic regulations,  
 Mount Anthony. Visit the Peak.

went with father & S.W.D. to the highest peak of Mt Anthony by way of the brook which was rises very near that place. Our prospect was al- most wholly spoiled by the density of the young saplings which grow there - father having wandered about some opening through which we might take a distant view, gave up the chace and returned home - leav- ing me and Sylvanus making a ladder which having finished we looked out a proper tree into which by means of the ladder we ascended. S. went high and said he could see a great distance, but the wind be- ing high I dare not to attempt gaining such height as would enable me to enjoy the enchanting landscape. This tree stands about 200 paces west of the high Peak. At the latter place hewed the side of an old oak and carved thereon the figures "1826" - rubbed it over with red chalk - wrote our names in part with the same material. Returned home by the B'd Hill - sun an hour high. J.Rog. & H. Hall had paid us a visit - said he would receive Adeline to board at 75" pr week. Uncle C. & C. Brown tarried with us at night. P. here this evening.

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March 1826  
 Ruttenbur Pigeons

Rec'd March 11th 1826 pr J. Martindale from D.Ruttenbur Jr the sum of \$1.12-1/2" in full for cheese delivered Feb'y 21. Pigeons were ob- served pretty plentifully on the wing this day - they had been seen previously - bluebirds were likewise noticed a day or two before this

SUNDAY, MARCH 12 Fair, but hazy toward evening - wind N. early in the day - changed to S. tow'd evening. Wrote a short letter to my friend H. Debar mainly informing that were in usual health & repeating my request concerning the payment of money as described or mentioned p. 880 - Sent it by J.Mart. Jr who started for Troy, N.Y. early this morning. Having transacted the usual busi- ness of the day rode off with my friend C. Brown to the School house S.E. of Lawrence's where I rec'd on board the big wagg. his chest with which returned by about dark - leaving our fri'd in his old District on business with some of his late employers. As we were passing the house of Mr Bates saw a pretty decent gent. well mounted having 4 jackasses under his care, holding conversation with our neighbor B's who to amuse himself at the others expence was endeav- oring to deceive him with respect to his standing as to property - pretending to own farms on which he had a number of tenants &c., wanted to purchase some of his asses. Charles having business in the house with Joseph Jr occasioned me to halt a moment or two - so I im- proved the time in explaining uncle Bates' scheme to the honest trav- eller, who immediately departed to the N. Roads were extremely mud- dy & unpleasant. Mary Ann Waters was carried this day to her uncle Elisha's, having resided with us ever since Dec'r 3d 1825.







Mr P. looked at us in the eve'g.

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